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Fahd orders 27 clinics for Riyadh

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Tuesday ordered the construction of a major hospital southeast of here and 27 clinics in the capital. The directives came after a visit to the headquarters of the Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh.

The prince conferred with members of the committee as well as Prince Miteb, the minister of public works and housing and acting minister of health and social affairs, Governor Governor Prince Salman, the committee president; Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy; Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri; Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi; Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh; the minister of agriculture and water; Foreign Undersecretary Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thinyan; Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim; and a number of town planning experts.

Prince Fahd reviewed projects of the master plan for the development of Riyadh and inspected a layout of the project to develop Qasr Al-Hokm area. He ordered that all financial constraints before the committee be removed.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thinyan and Dr. Muhammad ibn Al-Sheikh, director of the project calling for the transfer of the foreign ministry and all embassies to Riyadh, briefed the prince on the progress and present and future needs of the project. He ordered that all suggestions relating to this project be submitted to him personally. Prince Fahd also ordered that the sites of Riyadh's old gates be restored.

Mayor Naim told the Crown Prince that a number of projects were badly needed to link all parts of the capital and to ease traffic in it. But he said that such projects would be carried out under the supervision of Saudi Arabian engineers.

Kuwaitis elect new parliament

KUWAIT, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — The Kuwaiti government of Prime Minister Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah resigned Tuesday following the election of a new national assembly (parliament), but will continue in office pending the formation of a new cabinet.

Sheikh Saad, who formed his cabinet in 1978, stepped down as the results of Monday's election were announced.

There are no political parties in Kuwait, but newspaper editors identified 24 of the deputies in the 50-seat assembly as candidates commanding Bedouin loyalty, and 13 as young doctors, lawyers, teachers and engineers.

Islamic fundamentalists gained four seats, Shiite Muslims sympathetic to Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran two, and Arab Nationalists three. The leanings of the other winners were not known.

One conspicuous loser was outspoken Arab nationalist candidate Ahmad al-Khatib, whose bitter criticism of government policies precipitated the dissolution of the previous parliament by the ruling prince in 1976.

Al-Khatib, co-founder of the Arab Nationalist Movement with Palestinian leader Dr. George Habash in the early 1950s, was instrumental in bringing about nationalization of Kuwait's oil industry in the 1970s.

Left-leaning and religious fundamentalist candidates failed giving way to the moderate politicians.

Most of the Shiite Muslim candidates who sympathize with Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini also were defeated. The Shiites had held 10 seats in the previous parliament.

The 12-hour balloting ended Monday night, after an estimated 40,000 Kuwaiti male voters cast ballots at 81 polling centers.

Officials sources and Arab diplomats said it was too early to venture any interpretation of the election results, as most of the deputies are new faces on the local political scene.



ATTEMPTS COUP: Lt. Col. Tejero, pistol in hand, makes his way to the chair. The first vice president of the caretaker government (center) Lt. Gen. Gutierrez Mellado, involved in a brawl with elements of the Military Civil Guard who late Monday night occupied the house of deputies. At left the head of the government, Adolfo Suarez as he leaves the dais towards the melee. At right Lt. Col. Tejero, pistol in hand, stands at the rostrum next to the dais of the speaker of the house of deputies.

Rightist attempt aborted

Rebellious officer, Tejero, surrenders

MADRID, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — Rebel leader Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero Molina formally surrendered to his commanding officer Tuesday, less than 24 hours after taking hostage the entire Spanish cabinet and parliament in an abortive rightist coup attempt.

The hard-line rightist colonel with a long record of insubordination surrendered to civil guard commander Maj. Gen. Jose Aramburu inside the parliament building he had seized Monday evening. He was immediately driven away in a black official car with a motorcycle escort. The authorities said earlier that they accepted his "face-saving" demand for a formal surrender ceremony inside the headquarters of late Gen. Francisco Franco, who died in 1975.

Gen. Jose Saez de Santa Maria, inspector general of the National Police, announced that the authorities had accepted Tejero Molina's surrender conditions.

Santa Maria said Tejero Molina had accepted full responsibility for the abortive coup. But he said Molina had insisted that all the non-commissioned officers and enlisted men involved in the short-lived rebellion be given a guarantee against reprisals or prosecution.

He insisted that no army officers or press photographers be allowed to witness the surrender ceremony, Santa Maria said. It was not immediately clear whether he would be granted the safe conduct out of the country which army leaders offered him during the night.

Navy Capt. Camilo Menendez, the only officer known to have joined Tejero Molina inside the building, agreed to surrender to a Spanish admiral. Santa Maria said Tejero Molina had acknowledged that more than 60

Brezhnev seeks talks with Reagan

Haig shows interest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union is seeking a summit meeting between Presidents Brezhnev and Reagan and is ready to renegotiate the strategic arms treaty with the United States, a Soviet embassy spokesman said here Tuesday.

Press Counsellor Valentin Kameney said in a television interview that comments by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev Monday about a possible summit meeting with Reagan were an "official proposal."

He said Brezhnev's speech to the 26th Soviet Communist Party congress in Moscow would be followed by "diplomatic activity in this field." Kameney said the Kremlin was willing to "negotiate, or renegotiate," on strategic arms limitation. In an interview with CBS morning news he said he was pleased with the reaction of Secretary of State Alexander Haig Monday night to the Brezhnev speech.

Haig declared Monday night that the United States is "very interested" in Brezhnev's call for a summit and renewed arms talks. Haig said Brezhnev had pronounced "new and remarkable innovations."

Haig's tenor differed markedly from remarks made earlier in the day by presidential press secretary James Brady, who declared that the Brezhnev invitation may be nothing more than "a good guy-bad guy" tactic aimed at raising hopes only with the intent of dashing them. "It would not necessarily be out of character for this to be a ploy on the part of the Soviets," Brady said.

Haig commented as he and French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet emerged from a five-hour meeting. Both said they thought Brezhnev's proposals, aired in a speech to the 26th Communist Party conference, held promise. "It seemed at first hand that there was a willingness toward a dialogue, which I think something that ought to be picked up," Francois-Poncet said.

Mrs. Thatcher, Reagan to meet in Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was due to arrive here Wednesday as the first major Western alliance leader to have talks with President Reagan, United States and British officials described the atmosphere for Mrs. Thatcher's visit, including a scheduled two-hour White House meeting with President Reagan, as distinctly cordial.

"This visit has expected unusual interest in both countries, a high-ranking British diplomat said. He said there was a "sense of affinity, fellow-feeling and common approach" between the two political conservatives. But officials cautioned that while the two leaders had the same views on a wide range of economic and foreign policy issues, this did not mean they would agree on every question.

Mrs. Thatcher is more supportive of Reagan's policies than any other major West European leader but she is likely to tell him some Western leaders will be wary of clinging to the President's approach to key issues. This issues include Reagan's decision to make Soviet and Cuban support for leftist insurgents in El Salvador a major test of the administration's determination to resist communist-inspired revolutionary activities abroad, officials said. Mrs. Thatcher is also concerned about Cuban intervention not only in Latin America but in Africa, a British official said. But NATO leaders are surprised the administration has put so much emphasis on this issue which they consider secondary.

Mrs. Thatcher is likely to tell Reagan it would be difficult for her government, and almost impossible for West Germany, to support a big expansion of a U.S. military role in El Salvador.



INDUSTRY WEEK: Carnivals displaying national industry products roamed the streets of the Kingdom's major cities in the past few days. The week, is marked by celebrations and seminars across the country. Above pictures show a Jeddah scene where the caravan started from the industrial zone crossing the city to end in the Hamra area.

Charles to marry Diana

Palace announces

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Prince Charles, heir to the British throne and one of the world's most eligible bachelors, will marry 19-year-old Lady Diana Spencer, the daughter of an earl distantly related to the royal family, Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday.

A palace statement said the couple will marry in the summer, but no date or place was mentioned. However, the wedding will likely take place in Westminster Abbey. The announcement ended months of speculation that the dashing 32-year-old prince would wed the blonde, blue-eyed Lady Diana. She is the girl next door. Lady Diana grew up on the Spencer family estate in Norfolk county next to the royal family's Sandringham residence where she and Charles first met when she was a girl.

The palace announcement, issued through Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, said: "It is with the greatest pleasure that the queen and the Duke of Edinburgh announce the betrothal of their beloved son, the Prince of Wales, to the Lady Diana Spencer, daughter of the Earl Spencer and the honorable Mrs. Sband Kydd."

After the wedding the girl who has been dubbed "Lady D" by British newspapers that have hounded her since she became Charles' girlfriend, will become her royal highness, the Princess of Wales. But her life was already changing rapidly Tuesday.

Michael Shea, the monarch's press secretary, said Lady Diana would leave her job as a kindergarten teacher immediately and would move out of her London apartment flat which she shares with three other girls.

Officials said that she now comes under the "protection" of Buckingham Palace, a facility usually used only by members of the royal family. Shea said the queen and Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, have both known Lady Diana for some time and are "delighted" by the engagement.

Commandos put on alert in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat has ordered all commando forces in Lebanon on maximum alert following an Israeli raid that killed six Palestinians and three Lebanese, PLO sources here reported Tuesday.

The Lebanese victims were a man, his brother and his son, all farmers from the village of Kfour that was raided by helicopter-borne Israeli troops at midnight Sunday.

Youssef Habib, 54, and his son Shirbil, 29, were gunned down as they emerged from the house to find out what was going on. Youssef's 60-year-old brother Butros died under the debris of his blown-up house a few yards from Youssef's one-story home, Associated Press reporter Edmond Shedd reported from Kfour.

The wife and daughter of Butros were hospitalized. They were rescued from the rubble of the dynamited house. All the dead and injured belonged to Lebanon's dominant Maronite Christian sect, Shedd added.

PLO sources said Arafat motored to Kfour Monday, visited the families of the three Lebanese victims, congratulated commandos on their heroic confrontation and returned to Beirut to put his fighters on alert. The PLO conceded six commandos were killed in Kfour, three from the Arab Liberation Front and three from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Israel's Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rappael Eytan said the Kfour attack was mounted against an ALF to avenge an attack in northern Israel last April, in which an Israeli baby, a man and a soldier were killed. There have been no cross-border commando raids into Israel since April. Yet Israel's Deputy Defense Minister said Monday the Jewish state would stage deierent strikes against Palestinian commandos. "We'll hit them without waiting for them to attacks us," he told Israel's state radio.

In another development a partial call-up of reserve units of the Israeli defense forces to test their mobilization began Monday, the military command said. Announcements on radio and television gave coded messages calling various units to their posts.

Britain urged to retain M.E. forces

LONDON, Feb. 24 (R) — An independent British foreign affairs study group Tuesday urged Britain once again to extend its military force to east of Suez. It also called on Britain to mount a 3,000-man "fire brigade" which could be sent quickly to world trouble spots.

The calls came from the defense and overseas policy working group of the British Atlantic Committee, an Organization pledged to promote understanding of NATO. They followed weekend statements by the United States and Britain saying NATO members should extend their defense efforts beyond Western Europe.

The working group urged Britain to station a naval task force of about half a dozen ships in the Indian Ocean for about six months in the year to help maintain stability in the region. But it added that if NATO wanted such British help, Britain would have to lighten its contribution to NATO in Europe.

Heading the group was the former chief of the British defense staff Sir Neil Cameron.

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Khaled receives Faisal award

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday was awarded this year's King Faisal International Prize for the Service of Islam in recognition of his efforts to promote Islamic solidarity, his interest in the affairs of Muslim minorities throughout the world and his desire to see mosques built in every country.

But moments after Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, governor of Assir and chairman of King Faisal Prize Committee, announced that the King was this year's laureate, King Khaled gave the SR300,000 prize money to Koran learning schools in Saudi Arabia.

The award ceremony was attended by the King who arrived in the company of Prince Sultan, the defense and aviation

minister, and Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. Also present were Crown Prince Fahd and other princes, ministers, Ulama, senior officials and high-ranking military personnel. The guests were received by Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, elder son of King Faisal and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of King Faisal Philanthropic Society.

Prince Khaled pointed out that King Khaled was following in the footsteps of King Abdul Aziz, the founder of Saudi Arabia. His selection for the prize came one month after the third Islamic Summit was opened under his auspices at the Holy Haram in Mecca. King Khaled is the current president of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference.

King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies this year was frozen, Prince Khaled said. But this does not mean the Islamic world is deficient in scholars enriching Islamic studies with their efforts, he added. The reason for suspending the prize is that the reports submitted were out of subject.

In the meantime, King Faisal International Prize for Arab Literature went to scholar Abdul Salam Haroun who wrote more than 115 books, papers and articles on Arab culture.

As of next year, there will be a King Faisal International Prize for Medicine, Prince Khaled said. And he hoped that every year a new prize will be added to honor geniuses in all sciences.



AWARD: Prince Khaled Al Faisal, chairman of King Faisal's Award Committee, addressing the audience during the award ceremony.

Support interests of Saudi Arabia, lawmaker urges

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 — Congressman Robert Davis of Michigan has urged his colleagues in Congress to support the proposed sale of advanced F-15 aircraft accessories to Saudi Arabia.

Addressing the House of Representatives Feb. 17, Davis said the sale of additional fuel tank capacity and multiple bomb racks for the 60 F-15 jet fighters purchased by the Kingdom "is in the interest of the United States and this Congress."

The congressman, who is a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said Congress should approve the sale because "American support of a stabilizing force of moderation in the Middle East is essential."

Davis said Saudi Arabia had requested the equipment because of "its defense needs in an increasingly turbulent military and diplomatic environment." He cited the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Iraq-Iran war and current tensions between Syria and Jordan as examples.

The congressman also noted that of the U.S. failed to respond to the Kingdom's defense needs, Saudi Arabia would likely turn to France and other friendly countries for such weaponry. America "must remain flexible and evenhanded in attempting to bring about a peace in the Middle East which benefits all parties equally," Davis said.

Cancer center planned

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 — A national center for cancer research will be set up in the country in the near future and as soon as the government approves the plan submitted by the health ministry, according to *Okaz* newspaper Tuesday.

All citizens must own land — Fahd

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — All Saudi Arabian citizens without exception must own at least a piece of land and a house, Crown Prince Fahd told the Council of Ministers at their Monday meeting.

The second deputy premier also said that the law will be reconsidered to allow limited income people who receive land plots from the state or King as a special gift to sell the property if they wish.

Prince Fahd said that since the only purpose of the gift is the citizen's welfare, the recipient knows better than anyone else where his interest lies and whether it would suit him better to barter the land for money. He urged state officials to see in it that all

Saudis who do not yet own a house receive a land parcel free of charge along with all facilities to begin construction as soon as possible.

The state helps the citizen own suitable accommodation through rush or long-term housing schemes, outright grants of land and loans from the Real Estate Development Fund, the prince pointed out. He said that all plans so far proved successful in this regard.

He added that officials should show their genuine patriotism by expediting procedures to hand over land gifts to all their limited income compatriots. King Khaled is particularly interested in this issue, he said.

Prince Fahd commended the Saudi Real

Estate Development Fund and other government departments for modernizing and computerizing their systems to cope with the overall development boom in Saudi Arabia, cabinet spokesman Dr. Muhammad Abdn Yamani, the information minister, told newsmen.

After listening to the directives of the crown prince, the cabinet approved a number of appointments in the civil service proposed by Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, and Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, the minister of labor and social affairs.

Miteb calls for public cooperation

SR66b allocated for municipal development

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — More than SR66 billion has been allocated for municipal projects during the Third Five-Year Development Plan, according to officials here. The funds were allocated after discussions on the best way to invest the money for developing the Kingdom's cities and villages.

Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, the acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, met deputy ministers and assistant deputies, regional directors and heads of municipalities Monday. Prince Miteb urged the officials to exert stronger efforts to carry out state projects for the best interests of the public. He also called on the public to cooperate with the officials.

Dr. Saleh Al-Malek, deputy municipal and rural affairs minister, said after the meeting that more than SR10 billion was allocated for

the improvement and beautification of cities and the basic urban facilities for one year.

Dr. Malek added that the meeting also discussed problems of cleaning in the Kingdom's cities and towns. Adequate measures were undertaken to ensure a solution to these problems whether by authorizing municipalities to carry out the cleaning projects or to contract national firms for the purpose.

The meeting covered the issue of compensation for expropriated land. It called on concerned parties to issue the compensation as soon as possible in accordance with royal instructions. Government recipients of land plots and limited income people's grant should be implemented to eliminate difficulties for citizens who do not own land. Municipalities across the country have con-

tributed in easing the sharpness of the problem, Dr. Malek observed.

Among the issues discussed was limits to urban expansion. The meeting considered drawing up a plan that limits urban expansion of cities and specifies government land. The public areas should be cleared, with some to be used for basic facilities, and should not be used for other purposes, it was decided at the meeting.

The officials also discussed ways of extending basic municipal services to rural areas. The move is part of the Third Development Plan objectives which gives a major share for developing rural areas and not to restrict development activities to cities.

Dr. Malek pointed out that the meeting also had considered the issue of machinery for municipalities with the aim of mechanization and reducing dependency on manpower.

Between South Korea, Saudi Arabia Communique stresses joint ventures

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 — Wide-ranging cooperation in the economic and technical field, trade, construction, education and other sectors has been envisaged in the joint communique issued here Tuesday at the end of the three-day deliberations of the Saudi Arabia-South Korea Joint Committee.

The joint communique said the two sides would work to promote further Saudi-Korean joint ventures in the public and private sectors of both countries. The joint committee noted the desirability of Korean participation in the development programs of Saudi Arabia's Five-Year Development Plan.

The joint committee, the communique said reviewed the status of cooperation in the agricultural field and agreed that there exists a need to promote agricultural cooperation between the two countries. The Korean side proposed to send agricultural experts to the Kingdom, in addition to assisting the efforts to operate large-scale farms.

The Saudi side suggested that a Korean team comprising representatives of the government and the private sector visit Saudi Arabia to hold consultations regarding the implementation of various agricultural projects.

Committee delegates also agreed to expand technical cooperation between the two countries in the college students training program and joint research programs to be undertaken by the two sides. An additional number of Korean railway technicians will be sent to the Kingdom.

In sports and culture, both sides agreed to promote the exchange of visits by youths of both countries. They also agreed that athletic teams would be exchanged to hold friendship matches. The Korean side stressed its readiness to send coaches in volleyball, basketball, taekwon do, gymnastics and other

sports.

The Saudi Arabian side invited the Korean side to submit proposals to the Presidency of Youth Welfare of Saudi Arabia in this regard. South Korea was also invited to tender proposals for training Saudi Arabian coaches and referees in various fields of sports.

The joint communique also refers to the agreement between the two countries to hold festivals, art exhibitions and performances in both countries. They have also agreed to promote the exchange of documentary and cultural films, folk music, TV and radio programs.

The joint committee agreed to hold its sixth meeting in Seoul, South Korea next year.

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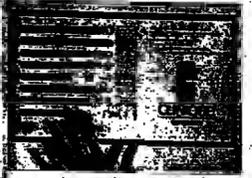
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Ahsa industrial city dedicated by governor

AHSA, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi Monday dedicated the first phase of Ahsa Industrial City Tuesday.

The SR63 million project will accommodate 263 medium-scale industries after all three phases have been completed. The 1.5-million square meter city is subdivided into three development phases corresponding to each phase.

The first phase covers a 532,000 square meter area; the second 512,000 square meters; and the third 456,000 square meters. Work in the first phase which began in 1978 was completed in 1980. The state prepares the city's infrastructure and then donates land plots to various industrialists to set up their own factories for a token rent.

Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity, said that ten land plots in the first phase had been awarded to industrialists and some factory owners already laid down the foundations of their plants. He hinted that a major project will be set up in the area.

Two petrochemical plants were planned for the area, one with the American company DAO and the other with a Japanese group of companies led by Mitsubishi Company for Petrochemical Industries. But the studies showed that it would be better to merge the two projects to benefit from the American partner's industrial experience and the Japanese partner's marketing and industrial expertise. However, after subsequent studies, officials decided the project will be bilateral. The third partner is the Saudi Ara-

bian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC). The contract will be signed within two months from now, Dr. Gosaibi said.

The minister said that by the end of the country's Third Five-Year Development Plan, the number of factories in Saudi Arabia will have jumped to 1,800 from the present 1,010, reducing the Kingdom's dependency on imported goods. By then also, most of the administration of Saudi plants will be handled by Saudis, he added. He expressed his belief that the future will witness several joint ventures among the members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, marching gradually towards economic integration.

King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd have ordered that major industries in the area be set up as joint ventures and are carrying out these instructions, Dr. Algosabi said. Soon, Saudi Arabia shall start selling shares of Jubail's and Yubub's basic industries to other Gulf nationals after a forthcoming cabinet decree sanctions the proposal, he added. Other Gulf nationals will enjoy the same privileges as Saudis when the state will give up the nominal value of those shares to Saudi nationals, he stressed.

He said that the Gulf Industrial Consultancy Corporation had drawn up a 20 year strategic plan for the aluminium industry which plan is already implemented in Bahrain. A similar plan is being studied for the iron and steel and petrochemical industries. Dr. Algosabi said that a major iron and steel plant will be dedicated in the Kingdom Wednesday.

Sony studies local market

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 — Sony Corporation of Japan has embarked on a diversification program ranging from spaghetti shops and sporting goods to cosmetics and life insurance.

In Jeddah, it has made a small beginning by setting up a plant for the manufacture of educational equipment, Kazuo Iwama, President of Sony Corporation, told a press conference here Tuesday.

Iwama is in Jeddah along with Hajime Unoki, managing director of international operations, to begin the first leg of his tour which will take them to Bahrain and Kuwait. Their main purpose is to study the promising Gulf market.

The plant will manufacture tape recorders for language studies and an assortment of educational equipment. Sony will hold 75 per cent of the shares and the balance will be held by MEE.

Iwama said the Jeddah plant is supplying language laboratory machines to Saudi. "We have already received firm orders from the Saudi Arabian and the air force. The

response is encouraging."

He said diversification of products was an international trend and Sony was no exception. "We have, therefore, decided to expand the software business such as cosmetics."

Sony, which has an annual turnover of \$4 billion, will also be introducing "innovative products for the consumer." It will, seek to enlarge the catchall area by expanding the on-electronics via joint ventures.

Its latest venture is the development of business machines. The announcement coincided with the introduction of the Sony series 35 word processor. Sony has also introduced a small size typewriter — a portable, noiseless typewriter that is designed to store written and voice input on microcassettes.

Asked why Sony, with all its sophisticated technology, was not able to offer its products on a competitive price, Unoki said the main reason was the high rate of inflation in Japan, with the price of raw materials continuously rising. Second was the spiralling price of oil. This, along with the tight labor situation, contributed to the increase in prices of some of its products.

Swedish king departs

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — King Carl Gustav and Queen Silvia of Sweden left here Tuesday on their way home after a four-day visit to the Kingdom.

King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other senior officials and officers saw them off in Riyadh earlier in the day. Here they were seen off by Prince Saud, deputy governor of Mecca and other officials.

During his visit King Gustav visited the Planning Ministry, King Faisal's Specialist Hospital, the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, a dairy farm operated by a Saudi Arabian-Swedish joint venture and met with leaders of the Swedish business community in the country.

His Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Ulla Ullstrom held talks with Prince Fahd about a range of topics of mutual interest and the two men agreed to increase cooperation, exchange of visits and promote joint ventures in their private sectors.

Prior to his departure King Gustav said his visit was successful and his talks were important. He was impressed with the progress made in the Kingdom, specially in the industrial and medical fields. The overall development plan, now in its second year, promises to contribute to the advancement and prosperity of the country. "It is huge and magnificent," he said.

COMMENT

By Abdul Ghani Qisti
Al Bilad

Recently the Ministry of Health invited a number of local journalists for a working tour of some towns including Al-Khobar, Medina and Jeddah to see the new health units and other achievements in those areas. The aim was to make them acquainted with the health situation and to initiate an open dialogue between the representatives of the press and officials of the ministry, in order to find the best means for health protection.

The tour of officials to the company of members of the press takes the form of an information activity whose utility cannot be denied. But what we really are interested in is that, beside such tours, the ministry intensify its efforts in supervising the health services, mainly the hospitals and clinics. This should be done with a view to maintaining health services at a high level, since any deviation would create a tendency of negligence toward duty and eventual complaints about the poor health services.

The current annual meeting on malaria and bilharziasis in Najran takes place with the cooxtex of the health ministry's concern with epidemics normally prevalent in coastal towns. The meeting assumes significance from the fact that the participants include the governor of the region, the minister of health, representatives of World Health Organization (WHO) and some other top officials.

Since campaigns against such diseases as malaria, bilharziasis and trachoma has become an absolute necessity, the state has been keenly anxious to stamp them out from the country. We hope that such campaigns would be undertaken in other also, so we can eradicate all such diseases as soon as possible.

U.S. ambassador named

Robert G. Neumann

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 — Robert G. Neumann, a senior campaign and transition team advisor to President Reagan on Middle East Affairs, has been tapped to become United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Neumann, headed the Reagan transition team at the State Department following the November election and is now vice-chairman of Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The new ambassador is not expected in the Kingdom for several weeks though as Ambassador John West, a close confidant of former President Carter, has been asked to see through the U.S. — Saudi discussions on upgrading the F-15s.

In setting its foreign policy priorities, the Reagan transition team ranked Saudi Arabia

as number two behind the Soviet-Union in deserving concentration of American diplomatic interests.

Political observers here believe that Neumann's appointment as ambassador to Saudi Arabia underscores the importance the Reagan administration is placing on future relations with the Kingdom.

Neumann, a native of Vienna, Austria, has divided his career between education and government service. He served as ambassador to Afghanistan in the 1960s and as U.S. Envoy to Morocco from 1973-76.

He has been at Georgetown since 1976 and has served as coordinator of the center's Middle East program since 1979.

Dr. Neumann is both European and American educated. He holds a Master's Degree from Amherst College and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

A member of the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) from 1958-66, Dr. Neumann was also an editorial writer for the Los Angeles Times and has published numerous articles in professional journals. He has been vice-chairman of the Georgetown Center since July 1980.

Labor talks held

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — The visiting Tunisian Minister of Labor, Muhammad Al-Nasser, held talks with Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari Tuesday. The two sides comprised senior officials including Tunisian ambassador, Qasem Bousmina and Social Insurance Organization Director Muhammad Al-Al-Fayez.

Chamber of Commerce study says Hotels reach saturation point

By Ahmad Khuroo

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 — A recently published report by the Research Department of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce has asked the government to ban new third class hotels as the industry here has reached the saturation point. It says the proliferation of luxurious hotels in the city will throw the smaller ones out of business.

The survey undertaken in 1980-81 has suggested to the ministry that hotels belonging to lowest category will be unable to cope with the keener competition once the three deluxe hotels-Intercontinental, Hilton and Holiday Inn are completed. With their relatively poor services they will be pushed into the shade in comparison with the big ones.

This is the first report by the research department of the chamber since it was created five months ago. Research Director, Ahmad Muhammad Said Babigi, a business graduate of the King Abdul Aziz University told Arab News, "It is a potentially dangerous situation. If luxury hotels continue to be built, their superior service will edge out the others into the second and third class and they might run out of business".

Babigi said, every new hotel owner thinks he will be able to catch all the customers, but this is not possible. The problem of low occupancy in hotels is that most people cannot afford the deluxe variety.

According to the survey, the supply of rooms in the posh hotels has far outstripped demand. There is an average occupancy rate of 58.99 per cent in the four deluxe hotels, 69.92 per cent in four-star hotels and 52.04 per cent in all classes.

The chamber's survey has given a statistical backing to the government's concern over low occupancy in hotel rooms in the main cities of the Kingdom voiced in their Third Five Year plan. Significantly the Ministry of

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Palme returns from Iraq, Iran

'Time not ripe for peace'

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — The mood "is not yet ripe" for a solution to the war between Iran and Iraq, former Swedish Premier Olof Palme said Monday night after returning here from talks with leaders of both countries. Palme, who was finishing the third phase of a U.N. peace mission begun at Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's request, said both sides realized that the war would end only through diplomatic or political efforts, rather than by military means.

Both sides also asked that Palme continue his efforts, the Swedish statesman said. "The differences between the two countries are large on account of the emotions created by the war," Palme said.

Palme said some progress had been made in the sense that differences on basic principles — such as non-acquisition of territory by force and freedom of navigation — were "not very large." He conceded that Iran still was refusing to negotiate as long as Iraqi invasion troops remained on its territory and Iraq still insisted on gaining full sovereignty over the Shatt al-Arah oil waterway and on making other border adjustments.

He was hopeful of an agreement within the next few days on his plan to evacuate some 70 foreign merchant ships trapped in the Shatt Al-Arah since the outbreak of war last Sept. 22.

The Swedish leader said he was returning home after his consultations here with Wal-Khomeini warns rivals

TEHRAN, Feb. 24 (R) — The Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, apparently alarmed over continuing political violence in Iran, told the country's police force to use force if necessary to keep the peace.

Addressing police officers at a Tehran mosque following a string of violent incidents the Iranian leader said "club-wielders" and "boogymen" using violence to break up political meetings were sapping the nation's strength and destroying its unity.

"The people stand beside you," he told the police officers in an address broadcast over state radio. "With their support, you can prevent this boogymen... either by advice or otherwise by force."

"Disturbances and clashes... must be stopped strictly so that the people may carry on with their affairs in an atmosphere of tranquility," he added.

UNRWA deficit is \$65.2m

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (R) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) is in "very critical" financial difficulties, with its deficit for 1981 estimated to be \$65.2 million, a U.N. spokesman said Monday. He said Olof Rydbeck, the Swedish head of the agency, is in New York for talks on this "very serious" situation.

dheim and would await the outcome of a high-level peace mission being launched by the Organization of Islamic Conference before deciding on a return trip to Baghdad and Tehran.

Meanwhile, a mission nominated by the nonaligned movement earlier this month has offered to come to Iran to explore ways of ending the war, the official Pars News

Georgetown U returns Libyan aid

By Susan Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 — Because of Libya's "continued accent on violence as a normal method of international policy," Georgetown University announced Tuesday that it is returning over \$600,000 in grants made by Libya to the university.

This is the first time in its history, a university spokesman said, that Georgetown has returned grant monies after they have been partially spent.

In 1978, Iraq offered Georgetown \$50,000 to financially support the studies program, but the money was never accepted, a university spokesman explained.

The Libyan grant which was used to endow a chair at Georgetown in Arab culture was made in 1977. The grant was for \$750,000, a Georgetown spokesman said, and \$150,000 was to be spent each year over a five-year period.

Georgetown is retreating to Libya the \$600,000 spent over the last four years, plus the interest on the money, which will amount to a total of \$641,000, a spokesman said.

In making its decision, a Georgetown

West Bank teachers demonstrate

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (R) — Several hundred Palestinian teachers on the Israeli occupied West Bank demonstrated outside Israeli military government offices in Beit El, Tulkarm and Nablus protesting for an end to their 60-day-long strike.

The demonstrators were prevented from reaching military government headquarters by Israeli troops and dispersed quietly. The military governor, Brig-Gen. Binjamin Ben-Eliezer, warned the teachers Monday.

Chad's refugees strain Sudan

KHARTOUM, Feb. 24 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Muhammad Numeiri has said that Libyan military intervention in Chad jeopardized the security of the Sudan and that of the region as a whole. In a televised speech to the opening meeting of the central committee of Sudanese Socialist Union, Numeiri said that the influx into

Agency said in Tehran Monday. Pars reported a meeting between the Cuban Ambassador in Tehran and Muhammad Hashemi, political adviser to Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, at which the diplomat said the mission was ready to come to Iran. Rajai said he would refer the offer to the supreme defense council, but offered little hope of a warm welcome.

Georgetown U returns Libyan aid

spokesman told Arab News that the university was "not under any outside pressure" to dissolve its relationship with Libya.

Countering the university's official denial that Georgetown reacted to pressure from anti-Arab groups, some seasoned observers here believe that the return of the Libyan grant is part of a "Zionist strategy" aimed at closing down Georgetown University's Arab studies center.

The university during the past year has been under attack for its acceptance of endowments from Arab governments. Recently, these attacks have stopped, and observers now believe that the Anti-Arah forces are working from "inside the university" to draw down financial support for the Arab center.

The university will continue to support the chair in Arab culture, which is now held by Prof. Hisham Sharabi, a Palestinian American professor of history. The money will come from "Georgetown's own resources," not another foreign government grant, a university spokesman said. Georgetown presently received financial help from three other Arab countries — Kuwait, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

that 15 days wages would be taken off this month's pay and that "steps will be taken against elements who are turning the strike into a political dispute."

About 7,200 teachers are involved in the strike which has been keeping almost 200,000 children out of school. The teachers are demanding a 100 per cent pay rise after turning down offers of 50 per cent from the military government.

Sudan of refugees from Chad

"fleeing a genocidal war being exercised by Libya in Chad adds to Sudan's economic and security burdens."

He said "The Libyan troops are not alone in this intervention, they are backed by troops from other countries and this makes the entire region, a target of the big powers."

Palestinian goes on fast in U.S. jail

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (R) — A Palestinian prisoner has been on hunger strike since losing an appeal against extradition to Israel to face charges of planting a bomb in a busy market place, his lawyer said. He told a news conference Sunday that Ziad Abu Ein, 21, held in jail here since his arrest in August 1979, stopped taking food last Friday when he heard his appeal had been rejected by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

It is the first time a U.S. court has ordered a suspected Palestinian commando extradited to Israel.

Defense attorneys said they would fight the extradition all the way to the supreme court, the nation's highest judicial authority.

Kidnapped envoy 'safe'

AMMAN, Feb. 24 (AP) — The Geneva-based International Human Rights Commission has "Conclusive evidence" that a Jordanian diplomat kidnapped in Lebanon early February is "still alive." Jordanian papers reported Monday. Hisham Muhaisen, Jordanian charge d'affaires in Lebanon, was kidnapped Feb. 6 by several gunmen who stormed his apartment in Beirut, killing three persons and injuring his bodyguard.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian bodyguard injured in the raid was transferred Monday from the American University Hospital in Beirut to Hussain Medical Center in Amman.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (R) — Cairo airport reopened Monday after being closed for more than 10 hours because of sandstorms, airport officials said.

KHARTOUM, (AFP) — Some 5,000 Ugandan refugees have crossed into Sudan recently, to escape military operations being carried out by the Kampala authorities in northern Uganda, the Sudan Sana News Agency reported here.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — The United States had not returned a "Penny of Iranian assets" frozen in U.S. banks, the governor of the Central Bank, Ali Reza Nohari, said in a press statement published Tuesday.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Shouel Gonen, a former Israeli general is being held in the Central African Republic because the authorities allege that a diamond company he works for owes the republic money, Israeli foreign ministry sources said Monday.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — A military prosecutor has asked the death penalty for 56 persons on charges of assassinating 97 persons, including six Americans, an official, military announcement said Monday.

Intensify Namibia war, say OAU ministers

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 24 (R) — A meeting of African foreign ministers got under way here with calls for an intensified guerrilla war in Namibia (South West Africa) and for mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa.

The foreign affairs spokesman for the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), Peter Mwestinangwe, said mandatory sanctions against South Africa should concentrate on an effective oil embargo as there had been flagrant violations by some Western oil companies of the present embargo.

"As we meet here, five oil tankers owned by Shell are reported on their way to South Africa," he said. "We call for punitive action against Shell, including the seizure of these tankers."

The assistant secretary-general of Ethiopia's ruling provisional military administrative council, Fisseha Desta, referred to the Geneva peace conference on Namibia that ended in deadlock last month. "recognizing that our Namibian brothers can win their freedom only by armed struggle and not as a result of external grant, we should be prepared to continue the bitter fight by devising ways and means of enabling SWAPO to intensify the armed struggle," he said.

The Sierra Leonean minister Abdullah Conteh said: "We must all redouble our efforts behind SWAPO. The intensification of the armed struggle in Namibia is not our choice. It is one that has been forced on us and one we gladly accept," he said. The Ethiopian delegate also criticized United States plans to use base facilities in the Indian ocean and Gulf region.

Somali front shuffles leadership

MOGADISHU, Feb. 24 (R) — A group which opposes Ethiopian rule in the disputed Ogaden desert told newsmen of a complete change of leadership as it prepared for a protracted hit-and-run desert war. The new leaders of the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) said at their headquarters in Mogadishu Sunday that the former secretary-general, Abdullahi Haksan, and all the front's 470 central committee members were replaced by a 51-member committee headed by Muhammad Diriye Udoh last month.

According to Hassan Gurhan, the new secretary of the WSLF's foreign relations committee, the former officials lacked the proper organization to handle new aspects of the war against Ethiopian troops in the Ogaden Desert.

Along with the changes in leadership, Secretary-General Udoh said the WSLF had launched a new military strategy using hit-and-run guerrilla warfare instead of direct confrontation to counter what he called Ethiopia's "Soviet-backed tactics of assimilation of Somalis in the Ogaden."

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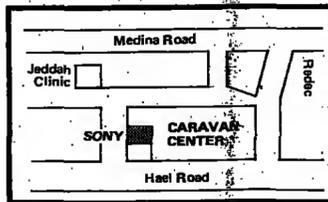
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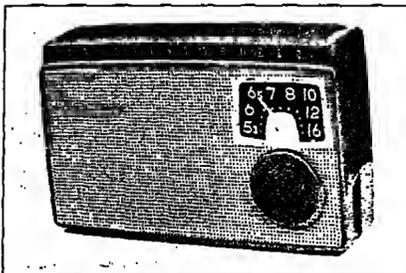
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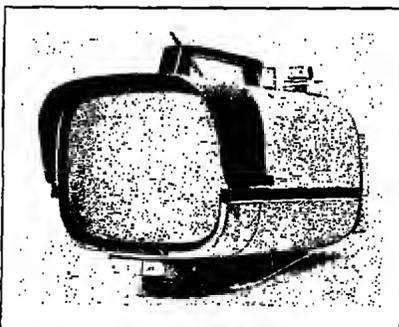
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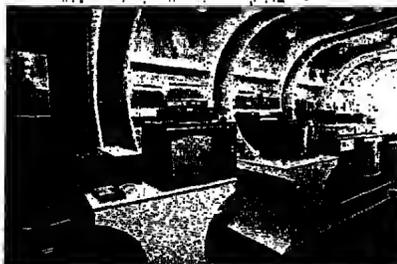
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BETAMAX JUDGED SUPERIOR

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When the truth really hurts

By Robert Little

Spare a small thought this week for the well-known Jewish journalist and broadcaster, Chaim Bermant. Poor Bermant it would seem, since he and his family appeared on BBC Television three weeks ago in an "Everyman" program, has been castigated and hounded from pillar to post by his fellow Zionists. Rabbis in synagogues up and down the country have called down upon his head every form of suffering and punishment mentionable in the name of Talmudic justice.

Where, you might well ask, did this ill-begotten child of the diaspora go wrong? What heinous crime did he commit against his fellow Israelites that could cause such overwhelming, bloodcurdling condemnations?

Bermant's unforgivable sin is that in one unguarded moment during the BBC program he let slip the truth. Before an audience of several million British television viewers he wisely admitted that "... the Jews are treating the Arabs in Israel as the anti-Semitic Gentiles have always treated the Jews. Where we, the Jews, were once the oppressed we are now the oppressors."

Now you may think that there is nothing very startling about anyone stating such an obvious fact. Didn't Moshe Dayan say something very similar before resigning as Israel's defense minister? Only when Dayan said it was at the time of his resignation from the Israeli government in a fit of pique because they wouldn't let him be foreign minister. As most people saw it, a case of sour grapes, a question of the kettle accusing the cooking pot of being black.

But a Jewish journalist working in Britain, who with his family is a frequent visitor to Israel, he has no such axe to grind. As a relatively impartial observer it could be taken that he was speaking the unvarnished truth as he had seen it for himself. Therefore ought we not all to applaud this new-

found champion of justice and truth? It takes no great courage for a Scotsman such as I writing in the columns of this newspaper to condemn the evils of the Israeli regime or the international conspiracy of world Zionism. So when a self-proclaimed Zionist confirms the charges that, as they say, is an entirely different bucket of fish.

Though on second thoughts I suppose that was too much to expect. The price of truth does not come cheaply. In an article in the current issue of the London Jewish Chronicle Bermant decided to recant the error of his ways. It seems it was all just a case of his mouth working faster than his brain.

"Let me admit at the outset that spouting into a microphone in front of a whirling camera under blazing lights is not quite the same as writing an article, or even speaking from a platform. (I'll say Here! Here! to that.) One has not the same control over one's words (He means when you are broadcasting live you can't rub it out and start again) and I used one sentence which I would not have used had I seen it before me on a written page — namely, the allegation that the Jews in Israel treat the Arabs as the Gentiles have treated the Jews," he confessed to his readers.

Now, of course, I'm sure the lambasting that poor Bermant and his family have received from his fellow Jews since making his unguarded remarks has had nothing to do with this latest change of heart. So, as one of the millions of ordinary British viewers who heard his enlightening comments on TV, I thought it might be useful if I made a friendly check phone call to his North-West London home.

"Who did you say is speaking?" a female voice inquired on the other end of the line. After explaining who I was and the purpose of my call, my questioner asked: "Ah, yes, I see," came the response, "if you can leave your phone number I will get him to ring back," click, hurr...

Of course, naturally, he never did. One can only

assume that after his experiences of the last couple of weeks Bermant was not going to risk stirring another hornet's nest by being quoted at length in the Arab press (whatever he might have said) about Israel's oppression of the Palestinian people.

Yet the hysteria created among Britain's Jewish community by the showing of the "Everyman" program, built mainly around the Bermant family, was highly predictable. Even while the program was being transmitted, I understand, angry protests were being received at the BBC Television Center from Zionists in all parts of the country, accusing the publicly-owned broadcasting system of waging a "relentless campaign to undermine popular support for Israel."

It will be noted that none of these irate and by all accounts sometimes paranoid callers allowed the fact that the views expressed were those of life-long, committed Zionists to in any way affect their irrational accusations. Or that much of the background data used in the program had been prepared by Jewish research assistants.

How very different from the total wall of silence from these same people with which the showing of the anti-Islamic, Jewish-made film *Death of a Prince* was received when screened last year by the Zionist-controlled ATV Television network of Lord Lew Grade. Even though this whole production consisted of a combination of outright lies, gross distortion and carefully contrived half-truths, not one of these voices was raised then in the interests of truth and justice.

But as Bermant went on to say in his *Jewish Chronicle* article: "It seems to me that we (Jews) are prepared to listen only to what we want to hear, and if anyone should utter a word to impair the illusions we have about ourselves and about Israel, he is immediately denounced as an Arafat, a traitor and a disseminator of lies."

And Bermant should know.

Agent Orange 'tested in Canada'

By Heather Laskey

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — Information from U.S. military records leaked to Canadian opposition MPs shows that Agent Orange, the defoliant chemical used by the U.S. in Vietnam and which has been found to cause cancer and birth defects, was spray-tested in New Brunswick by Canadian and American armed forces in 1966 and 1967.

The information was given to the New Democratic Party, a moderate left-wing party, by the Church of Scientology. It is not clear how this was obtained but its accuracy has not been denied.

In a House of Commons row last month, NDP leader, Ed Broadbent demanded to know why defense Minister Gilles Lamontagne has sat on a report dealing with the dangers of the spray. Lamontagne claimed that the government had nothing to hide and that the spray, judged sufficiently harmless, was still in use in New Brunswick in provincially authorized programs.

The chief chemical ingredients of Agent Orange are 2,4-D and 2, 4, 5-T. Dioxin, a contaminating agent used in the manufacturing process of some brands of these herbicides, is believed responsible for the ill-effects. The concentrations in which the chemicals were test-sprayed are reported to have been much higher than those now permitted in Canada, where they are still widely used in forestry control and agriculture.

Federal Health Minister Monique Bégin said in Halifax that her department had "been surprised" to hear of the tests. After information was received from the Department of National Defense an epidemiological study would, if necessary, be made in the affected area of New Brunswick around the site of Camp Gagetown, she said.

Chemical spraying with spruce bedroom pesticide, carried out in New Brunswick since the early 1950s, has already proved controversial following its association with a high local incidence of Reyes Syndrome, a fatal illness that affects children.

UNRWA schools face closure

By Sam Tooban

BEIRUT — Palestinian refugee schools run by the United Nations Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East (UNRWA), "There is no sign we will get the money," a UN spokesman in Beirut said, "and, if we don't terminate letters will be sent out to many of the 9,700 teachers and 339,000 refugee children will be thrown out of school."

This year's total UNRWA budget is put at \$230.5 million. Only \$174.2 million has been pledged to date, leaving a probable deficit of \$56.3 million. The \$40 million necessary to keep the schools open from June to December this year must come from the \$56.3 million deficit. All contributions to UNRWA are voluntary. The main sources of the agency's income, according to U.N. figures, are \$87 million from the European Economic Community and other Western European countries.

This year's pledges include: \$16.9 million from Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand; \$52 billion from America; \$5.4 million from OPEC member states; \$1.4 million from all other Arab countries; and, a token \$900,000 from all other countries. A further \$10.6 million is given by the United Nations Organization, charities such as Oxfam, and a special OPEC Fund.

All Eastern European countries, except Yugoslavia, have refused to contribute a penny. "Their official position," said U.N. spokesman Jean Poutarand, "is that the Palestinian problem was created by the Western countries, so the Western countries should pay for the refugees."

All 635 schools threatened with closure provide elementary education for Palestinian refugee children aged between nine and 14. After graduation, the students can then go on to high school or vocational and trade schools run by UNRWA. The Palestinian refugee school system was started by the U.N. in tents, abandoned buildings and makeshift shelters in the early 1950s for the refugee children who fled from their homes as a result of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. As the refugees settled into Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, permanent buildings were set up, including four teacher-training centers to replace the original volunteers with qualified teachers.

The schools were in danger of closing last year; but Iraq came to the rescue with an extra \$5 million. Other OPEC countries followed suit.

SERVICE OF ISLAM

It was not surprising that the King Faisal International prize in the service of Islam be awarded to King Khaled. The King deserves it and it would be difficult to recommend anyone else who has served Muslims and the cause of Islam more assiduously. In fact, he has carried the mantle of his late brother King Faisal, after whom the foundation and the prizes are named, and doubled or tripled the Saudi Arabian government contributions to needy Muslim states, societies and minorities. His crowning glory came in the successful third Islamic summit conference last month. King Khaled is not acting, although he is certainly the guiding spirit behind the country's Islamic services. His government has undertaken billions of riyals worth of construction work for the pilgrims in Mecca, the surrounding holy places and in Medina, the second holiest place.

More than a million pilgrims are catered for annually in addition to a large number of Muslims who come for the minor pilgrimage, throughout the year. Using the country's own revenues, six-lane roads have been built, mountains blasted away and bridges erected one over the other to facilitate traffic and mass human movement from one place to another.

Indeed, there is no other country, and there has been none in history, which has done so much and continues to do as much as the Kingdom to serve the religious rites of so many people whose common bond is religion. The rest of the Islamic world, governments and people, have not and will not be asked to contribute to the continuous development of the holy places. This is a purely Saudi Arabian commitment which is undertaken with zest and cheerfulness.

King Khaled has increased the government's contributions to various Islamic institutions here and abroad, ranging from the Islamic Development Bank to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, donations to floods and earthquake victims and bursaries to poor Muslim students from Sudan to Sarawak. The latest and biggest gesture was made during the summit when Crown Prince Fahd announced the formation of a \$3 billion Islamic aid fund of which the Kingdom would pay \$1 billion.

This will come in addition to the aid and interest-free loans which are guaranteed by the Saudi Development Fund most of which go to help other Islamic states. These are the deeds of a truly pious and religious man who is aware of the deprivations of other Muslims and his ability to help them as best he can.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers mostly led with the award of King Faisal International Prizes in Riyadh Monday, giving prominence to the first prize award for service to Islam to King Khaled in appreciation of his services to Islamic causes in the world. Some newspapers carried as their lead story Monday's weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Crown Prince Fahd, who said "our aim is to provide housing for every citizen."

Newspapers frontpaged the crown prince's reaffirmation that lands granted to low-income group would be their property with full freedom to use according to their needs. They also gave page one prominence to a statement by Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, who said the F-15 fighter aircraft would arrive on time and "we reject any conditions in regard to their use." The visit of the King and Queen of Sweden to the Eastern Province was carried as a front-page story, in which newspapers reported that the visiting monarch has admired Saudi Arabia's comprehensive development.

Newspapers editorials commented on the King Faisal award for service to Islam to King Khaled, saying the award is symbolic of the people's recognition of the monarch's enduring efforts for the cause of Islam everywhere. Some newspapers dealt with Crown Prince Fahd's press conference with Swedish journalists and Israel's assault on South Lebanon.

Al-Jadid recalled King Khaled's endless services to Islamic causes, and said the monarch has worked with the determination of a Muslim stalwart braving every challenge thrown by the hostile forces to

impede the Islamic renaissance, unity and solidarity. The paper said the King's concern for the implementation of the Mecca Islamic summit resolutions has not ceased for a moment, and added that he has spent his personal funds with a rare liberality in contributing toward the construction of mosques in different parts of the world and has worked ceaselessly to enthuse the spirit of unity and solidarity among the Muslims of the world.

Dealing with the crown prince's press conference, *Al Medina* observed that his statements represented the Kingdom's firm stances on Arab and Islamic issues. The paper gave prominence to the crown prince's reaffirmation that Saudi Arabia's oil production basically aims to help ease a tense situation in the demand of energy, mainly after the stop in the flow of oil from Iraq and Iran. It said the crown prince's reaffirmation on the Kingdom's keen desire to preserve its oil wealth reflects the moral and political sense toward the world's needs for energy. Referring to his remarks on the purchase of arms from the Soviet Union, to ease the West closes its doors on Saudi Arabia, the paper noted that this country refuses to accept any exploitation and knows well how to get what it wants from its friends in the world.

Al Bilad observed that Prince Fahd has clearly defined the strategic dimensions of the Kingdom's policy in military, economy and political fields. His statement crystallizes the Kingdom's significant role in maintaining a completely moderate attitude in economic and military spheres, the paper said. It

added that the crown prince has so clearly explained the Kingdom's policy that it would not be difficult for the world to know Saudi Arabia's clear-cut approach, quite unaffected by the false propaganda of the Zionist and Communist organizations in the world.

On the same subject, *Al Yom* noted that Prince Fahd's statement has explained many vital matters and reiterated that the people of Saudi Arabia are striving hard for the welfare and economic stability of the world. The paper reaffirmed that the arms Saudi Arabia would receive from diverse sources would help in repelling anyone tempted to commit aggression on this country.

On the other hand, *Al Riyadh* dwelled on the Israeli assault on Lebanon, warning that the latest attack seems to be an evil plan which might continue until elections in Israel in late June this year. The paper said that Israeli Premier Begin is trying to compensate his political downfall through his military ventures and considers it the only method to create a security belt for Israel. The paper added that Israel has successfully convinced the U.S. of its views, but wondered when the Arabs would be able to unify their views and convince the U.S. of the need for making a positive move toward solving the Middle East crisis.

Al Nadwa referred to U.S. Secretary of State Haig's statement on the priority for arms to Israel and asked whether this priority is being given to enable Israel to continue its assault on South Lebanon and Palestinians living in Lebanon.



Woman to another: "He gets this hysteria whenever he watches the 'modern sports' program!"

Crown Prince of Japan to visit Riyadh Feb. 28

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — The first visit by members of Japan's Imperial family to Saudi Arabia will take place during the end of February. Crown Prince Akihito and the Crown Princess Michiko will arrive in Riyadh on Feb. 28 for a two-day visit to the Kingdom. The Crown Prince is the eldest son of the Emperor and Empress of Japan. Although the visit will be the first for the Japanese Imperial family, it is not the first time that the ruling families of both nations exchanged visits. In 1971 the late King Faisal visited Japan.

The Emperor, or "Tenno," the title which the Crown Prince will one day inherit, holds a very special place in Japanese society. The post-war constitution of Japan states that he is "the symbol of the state and of the unity of

polls today suggest that the Japanese people have become "thoroughly accustomed to a symbolic emperor."

The general acceptance of the change of role of the emperor has no doubt been helped by the historical background of the family. A leading educationist and historian, Suzuki Hiroo, notes: "Compared with the ups and downs of royal families in other countries, the Imperial family of Japan is rare in having managed to maintain a virtually unbroken line of succession since ancient times. With the exception of a few tyrants, Japan's emperors and empresses have had mild dispositions. This has helped dictate the emperor's position in Japanese society down to Meiji times; in most cases the emperor did not rule directly but stood aloof from politics. He had nothing to do with the majority of the people, who were unaware of his very existence."

While the Imperial family may have remained aloof from the populace in earlier days, their new role of symbolizing the unity of the people has resulted in active participation in the nation's events by the Crown Prince and Princess. For example, both are patrons or honorary members of numerous charitable or humanitarian organizations.

Furthermore, each year they make it a rule to travel out of the capital several times to observe personally local affairs, and to come in direct contact with all sorts of people in different parts of the country. The Crown Prince and Princess often visit social welfare institutions, industrial establishments, and academic institutes, as well as attending various art exhibitions and charity concerts.

Crown Prince Akihito was born in Tokyo on Dec. 23, 1933. He studied at the Gakushuin Elementary school and Junior and Senior High schools and later attended the Faculty of Politics and Economics at Gakushuin University. In addition to his studies at Gakushuin, lectures on many subjects were given to him privately by various eminent people, including the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. His official investiture as Crown Prince was celebrated in 1952, the same year as his coming-of-age.

In 1953 he visited the United Kingdom to represent the Emperor at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and during this tour he also visited Canada, the United States and eleven European countries. In 1959 he married Miss Michiko Shoda, the daughter of a prominent businessman. In 1960 the Crown Prince and Princess visited the United States for the centennial celebrations of the Japan-United States treaty. Since then the Imperial couple have visited some 26 countries including Iran and Jordan.

The Crown Prince and Princess have two sons and one daughter. The eldest son Prince



ROYAL VISITORS: Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko of Japan will arrive in Riyadh on Feb. 28 for a two-day visit to the Kingdom. It will be the first time a member of the Japan's Imperial family is visiting the Kingdom.



INTERESTED: The crown prince is interested in the study of ichthyology, publishing papers on gobies (left); the crown princess (right) plays the harp; the crown prince's family (middle) relaxing after playing tennis; and the bottom photo shows the crown prince and crown princess watching mentally retarded children working at a poultry house.



TALK: The Royal couple talk to schoolchildren who introduced the art of public entertainment of their native province.

the people." For many centuries and indeed right through the war the emperor was regarded as a deity. But since the war the emperor himself has denied his divinity and made it clear that he is just a human being.

The change in status that has taken place since the war is reflected in the attitude which the Japanese people themselves have toward the "Tenno." One publication, for example, claims that "few Japanese in their mid-forties or older can hear the word 'Tenno' without deep emotion." On the other hand opinion

Naruhito has the title of "Hiro-no-miya". The court rituals marking his coming of age were held at the Imperial Palace on Feb. 23, 1980. Since then he has been taking part in various Imperial functions with his parents. Prince Hiro is now studying at Gakushuin University.

The second son, Prince Fumihito, born on Nov. 30, 1965, has the title of "Aya-no-Miya". He is at Gakushuin junior high school. The only daughter, Princess Sayako, born on April 19, 1969, has the title "Norino-Miya". She is at Gakushuin elementary school.

The Crown Prince's family has many

interests in common ranging from academic studies, to arts, music, sports and hobbies. They are a closely united family and spend as much of their limited free time together as possible.

Crown Prince Akihito's special interest is the study of fish. As a member of the Ichthyological Society of Japan he has for many years been making a study of goby fish and has published 22 papers on the subject for the society's journal. Last year he was elected a foreign member of the Limman Society of London. Apart from the study of fish the Crown Prince is deeply interested in natural and general history.

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Despite Soviet threat

S. Africa determined to attack guerrillas

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 24 (AP) — Prime Minister Pieter Botha has announced that the presence of Soviet warships in Mozambique will not stop South Africa from attacking black guerrilla bases in that country. The South African Broadcasting Corp. (SABC), quoting Botha as telling its political correspondent Monday, said that South Africa did not seek trouble with its neighboring states, but it would not stand by silently and allow internationally oriented terrorist groups to undermine its stability.

This white minority-ruled nation would carry out more raids against the black

nationalists if it were in South Africa's interests, the prime minister reportedly said.

South African commands attacked three houses last month in a Maputo suburbs that the government claimed housed the masterminds of guerrilla attacks by the outlined African National Congress (ANC). Twelve blacks, a Portuguese and two South African soldiers died in the raid.

The Soviet ambassador to Mozambique, Valentin Vdovin, told a news conference in Maputo Saturday that an undisclosed number of Soviet warships would arrive in Mozambique waters "in the next few days" as a warning to South Africa to stop its military action against the former Portuguese colony. Last week the 16,000-ton cruiser *Alexander Suvorov* and another Soviet ship from the Indian Ocean fleet docked in the ports of Beira and Maputo.

Botha reportedly told the SABC that the Soviet Union acted in an opportunistic manner, as demonstrated in its intervention in Afghanistan and its threats to Poland. It is believed that the ANC receives support from the Soviet Union. The organization aims to overthrow the government in Pretoria to establish black majority rule.

The Mozambique news agency, Aim, reported Monday that the Soviet firm Selshpromexport is helping the impoverished nation draft a plan for the economic development of the Limpopo valley, including the installation of irrigation and drainage systems and dams and dikes to control flooding.

Aim said the draft plan was expected to take 42 months to complete and involve 150 specialized technicians in a variety of fields. The project also was expected to include the establishment of agro-industrial complexes and the construction of housing for workers. Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig will be visiting the United Nations in the next few days to confer with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, a U.N. spokesman announced Monday.

Five soldiers injured in Guatemalan battle

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 24 (AP) — The army fought three guerrilla battles with suspected leftist guerrillas over the weekend and five soldiers were wounded, the government said Monday.

The army said it believed a number of anti-government rebels were also wounded, but there were no figures. The battles were reported in Mixco, near the capital, in Santa Eulalia A. Bazillas, in the far north and in San Martin Jilotepeque, 241 km. west of here.

Yoga can cure cancer, Chinese doctor claims

PEKING, Feb. 24 (AFP) — An ancient Chinese-type Yoga method developed more than 3,000 years ago is capable of curing cancer, according to a book by a Chinese doctor that has just been published in Shanghai. The book cites a number of cases in which people using the Chinese breathing and concentration method known as *Qigong* had been cured. The book gives details on how to apply the *Qigong* treatment and the reactions of patients.

The author of the book, Guo Long, is himself a cancer specialist. His book is called *Ways of Treating Cancer Through the New Qigong* and is published by the Shanghai Scientific and Technical Publishing House. *Qigong* — a discipline associated with mental concentration, breathing control and various physical exercises — is said to be beneficial in fighting a range of illnesses and is also widely practised by martial arts enthusiasts.

Mitterrand leads in opinion poll

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Socialist Party chief Francois Mitterrand would beat President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in the second and deciding round if the presidential election were held now, according to a public opinion poll carried out for a Paris newspaper.

The poll, published Tuesday, shows that Mitterrand would win 51 per cent of the vote against Giscard d'Estaing's 49 per cent. On the first round, the poll showed, Giscard d'Estaing would win between 24 per cent and 26 per cent of the vote, while Mitterrand would have between 22 per cent and 24 per cent.



WEeping FOR CHILD: Relatives of Jeffrey Mathis, one of the 18 Atlanta youths murdered in the past 19 months, weep at his funeral Saturday. They are Terrence Barkley, being held by Reginald Mathis, and Mrs. Willie May Mathis, the dead youth's mother. (AP photo)

Mugabe men go on rampage

BULAWAYO, Feb. 24 (AP) — Former guerrillas who were disarmed after bloody fighting here stormed a beerhall near Bulawayo over the weekend, stoning and assaulting suspected political opponents, it has been reported. One eyewitness told the *Bulawayo Chronicle* that at least three civilians were injured in the attacks — the first violence in this Matabeleland province and Joshua Nkomo stronghold since clashes between guerrillas of two rival armies Feb. 7-12.

At least 3,000 guerrillas loyal either to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe or the junior partner in his coalition government, Nkomo, were disarmed after the fighting and moved to separate camps in the countryside away from Bulawayo, the country's second-largest

city and industrial hub.

Some 120 former guerrillas, said by eyewitnesses to be loyal to Mugabe, drove out of two camps to the Fingo tribal reserve some 40 kms northeast of there and attacked blacks drinking at a beerhall, according to the newspaper. All of the inhabitants of Fingo are members of the minority Matabele tribe, Nkomo's power base.

Eyewitnesses told the *Chronicle* the attackers demand that the civilians switch their political affiliation to Mugabe's ruling party. "We want these men out of the area," the Fingo chief, Moriso Nyilika, said of the guerrillas, the newspaper reported Monday.

"These are not the first incidents we've had since the men arrived and there will not be peace while they stay in the area."

Ex-minister launching guerrilla war against Obote

KAMPALA, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — A former Uganda defense minister said Monday he was launching a guerrilla war against President Milton Obote's government, which came into office after general elections last December. Yoweri Museveni, who served as defense minister in the interim government set up after the overthrow of dictator Idi Amin, sent an emissary to the offices of news agencies and newspapers to say that he had a force of 5,000 armed followers in the bush in western Uganda.

Museveni is leader of the small opposition Uganda Patriotic Movement (UPM), which won only one seat in the elections which the opposition parties claimed were rigged in favor of Dr. Obote's Uganda Peoples Congress.

His announcement followed the ransacking Sunday night of the UPM headquarters in Kampala. Police said they were investigating the attack, which local residents said was carried out by Uganda soldiers. Museveni disappeared from Kampala more than two weeks ago, shortly before a series of armed attacks on police stations and an army training barracks.

The emissary said the guerrillas had taken the provisional name of Movement for the Struggle for Political Rights (MOSPOR). He said UPM members and other opponents of the government were invited to join the movement. At the UPM headquarters in Kampala, files were strewn over the floor and furniture scattered about. Party officials said typewriters, a tape recorder and public address equipment had been stolen during the raid.

The emissary, who declined to be identified, said Museveni, who underwent military training in Mozambique and led one of the largest guerrilla groups which helped the Tanzanian army overthrow Amin nearly two years ago, led an attack on a military training school west of Kampala Feb. 6. He produced photographs of the weapons captured during the attack. But the emissary said the MOSPOR was not responsible for attacks on three police stations and a prison in Kampala.

Meanwhile, members of Uganda's two main opposition parties, the Uganda Patriotic Front and the Democratic Party, are being rounded up following a recent uprising in which a number of police stations, an army training school and a prison were stormed and a large quantity of arms stolen, opposition sources reported Monday.

Heory Bwaobale, a prominent DP member, was picked up by police outside Kampala Sunday, according to the sources, and transported to prison.



CARNIVAL GREETING: West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, donned with a jester's cap, makes the traditional carnival greeting Friday when Bonn Prince and Princess Carnival paid him a visit in the Chancellery. (AP photo)

Demonstrators truncheoned in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — Supporters of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi clashed with police and threw bricks in Jammu, winter capital of the disputed Indian-held Kashmir state, Monday. The violence broke out as Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, which is in the opposition in Kashmir, organized demonstrations before the state legislature, and elsewhere in the town protesting alleged political corruption and nepotism under the state administration run by Chief Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah's National Conference Party.

Reports said police used tear gas and made repeated baton charges before the legislature and some other areas to disperse violent protesters. Fifteen persons were injured in baton charges and nearly a dozen policemen hurt by stones thrown by mobs, reports said.

Meanwhile, one man was knifed to death Monday in street fighting between supporters of the ruling Communist-led coalition and opposition party activists in India's southernmost state of Kerala, news agencies reported.

The clashes erupted during a day-long general strike called by all opposition parties, including the Congress Party, to press demands for the resignation of two senior ministers belonging to the powerful Marxist party for their alleged involvement in a liquor scandal.

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Bid afoot to settle Peru's conflict

LIMA, Feb. 24 (R) — Diplomatic moves are underway to resolve Peru's border conflict with Ecuador, and the disputed Condor mountains were reported calm Monday after two outbreaks of fighting within a month. Independent military observers flew to the border Sunday and confirmed the area was peaceful, diplomatic sources said.

A three-week ceasefire was broken Friday when, according to Peru, Ecuadorian troops shot down a Peruvian helicopter. The pilot was killed and 13 soldiers were wounded. Peru then captured three Ecuadorian positions it said had been established on its side of the Condor range. It gave no indication of further casualties.

The border, unmarked for 78 kms, was defined by a 1942 peace treaty between the two countries and guaranteed by the United States, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Ecuador denounced the accord and renewed its historical claim to a large tract of northern Peru, including rich oil fields in the jungle.

The ceasefire broken on Friday was declared following the intervention of the guarantor nations of the 1942 accord. The guarantors met in Brasilia Sunday night and urged Peru and Ecuador to respect the ceasefire. They decided to keep in permanent contact in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

In Lima, President Fernando Belaunde Terry summoned the ambassadors of the four guarantor nations and briefed them for more than an hour on the latest incidents. The envoys refused to comment on the meeting but diplomatic sources said Peru maintained that the latest clashes occurred within its territory.

The sources said Peru alleged Ecuador had taken advantage of the ceasefire to continue infiltrating troops across the border. Peru publicly warned Ecuador Saturday that any further incursion would be considered an act of war and that its forces would take reciprocal action in Ecuadorian territory.

In Quito, Ecuador said Monday that Peruvian jets had attacked one of its military outposts in the disputed area.

Greek ship sinks

LATINA, Italy, Feb. 24 (AP) — A Greek ship, carrying a smuggled load of bush and evaded by a huge fire set by its crewmen, sank in the Tyrrhenian Sea, 50 miles off this central Italian town, port authorities have reported.

Motor vessels of Italian customs police sailed Monday in their effort to tow into port the 300-ton *Giankros* 2 and its cargo of bush worth an estimated \$5.5 million. The crew — five Greeks and one Italian — had set the ship and its load afire after being intercepted by customs police last Saturday. They were taken to safety by police boats and rescued.

Ecological unit to halt killing of baby seals

THE HAGUE, Feb. 24 (AFP) — The Ecological Greenpeace Organization is preparing another operation to halt the killing of baby seals in Canada next month, a spokesman for the group has said.

Lagadijk of the Dutch Greenpeace unit said Monday that his ship, the *Rainbow Warrior*, would leave this week for St. John's Newfoundland, where three boatloads of Norwegian seal hunters are expected.



SUCCESSFUL FIRING: The space shuttle orbiter, *Columbia*, is dwarfed by a mountain of steam after it was successfully fired at the Kennedy Space Center Friday. The 20-second firing was in preparation for its scheduled launch in April.

Racial intolerance U.S. refuses to support resolution

GENEVA, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — The United States has refused to support a resolution condemning racial intolerance and terror because it concentrated on Nazism and apartheid and ignored other forms of totalitarianism.

American delegate Richard Schifter told the Human Rights Commission the resolution was a "political ploy" and took insufficient notice of anti-Semitism today. Schifter said Monday his country viewed the despicable doctrine of Nazism with repugnance and had come to the aid of the Russians to fight it.

"We never signed any pact with Adolf Hitler or (foreign minister Joachim) Von Ribbentrop," he said in an obvious reference to the 1939 Nazi-Soviet pact. The resolution, adopted by 38 votes to none with the U.S. abstaining, condemned all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, particularly Nazism, Fascism and neo-Fascism, based on racial or ethnic intolerance and terror.

Syria's Dia-Allah El-Fattal said that in abstaining the U.S. had isolated itself on the issue.

The resolution, which also condemned apartheid and expressed concern that groups advocating racist doctrines were on the increase, was supported by Britain, West Germany, France, the Netherlands, Portugal and Austria among Western countries. Schifter said the U.S. condemned "international terrorism of the left, of the right or nihilistic," but could not honestly support the resolution.

"It is a political ploy designed to put certain countries totally undeservedly under attention," he said. It ignored other totalitarian regimes and anti-Semitic publications published with official sanction "in countries other than Germany."

Soviet delegate Valerian Zorin, referring to his country's 20 million dead fighting Nazism, called the resolution "a timely and essential measure designed to prevent the recurrence of Nazism and neo-Nazism." Zambia's Chama Mubaya-Chipoya said the organizations the commission had in mind included South Africa's "Bruederbund," the Ku Klux Klan in the United States, Britain's right-wing National Front and Italy's Red Brigade.

The 43-member commission also asked the U.N. Security Council to "consider imposing economic sanctions," including an oil embargo, against South Africa, which was held "fully responsible" for the failure of the conference on Namibian independence held here last month.

The five Western countries that negotiated the U.N. peace plan for Namibia — the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Canada — abstained. A Canadian delegate said sanctions were not an "efficient means" of getting movement from South Africa. On the contrary, the French delegate said, they would make it impossible to get a constructive dialogue in South Africa.

Offensive against Soviet advances Reagan moves worry European allies

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's planned offensive to check the global advances of the Soviet Union is worrying some European allies, an Associated Press survey shows.

Several of Washington's moves are in the debating stage either inside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or in government-to-government consultations. Others have been publicly floated. They include:

Building and deploying the neutron shell in an uneasy Europe; stopping the flow of Communist arms to the far-left guerrillas of El Salvador, perhaps by blockading Cuba seen as the main supplier; setting up an international rapid deployment force under NATO's banner for action outside NATO's geographic border; resuming the struggle for Angola six years after that West African country's civil war as a means of ousting its Marxist rulers; and blocking attempts by Scandinavian nations to negotiate a Nordic nuclear-free zone with its eastern neighbors.

All these ideas and proposals, taken together, would transform the future and the role of the 32-year-old Atlantic alliance which key Reagan advisers seem to think is in need of revamping.

Senior British officials and diplomats of six NATO countries approached here were mainly agreed in principle to a more vigorous Western response to the Soviet military buildup. But there was deep disagreement about the type of response the Reagan administration appeared to be contemplating.

On possible deployment of the neutron weapon in Europe: Britain, West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Norway — all with active anti-nuclear lobbies — have withheld endorsements. Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian diplomats predicted that the neutron weapon would spur the arms race when there were proposals to limit tactical nuclear weapons in Europe. All these west European officials favored new efforts by the superpowers to negotiate arms control accords, including the dusty second-phase Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT 2).

On El Salvador: Britain is concerned that the logical next step after the Americans bolster El Salvador's ruling junta will be a buildup of neighboring Guatemala — also beset by insurrection — which lays claims to Britain's last American colony, Belize.

On a global role for NATO, possibly in the form of a rapid deployment force based outside the alliance area: French, Norwegian, British and West German officials opposed

tampering with the alliance's treaty, even by minor extensions of its limits.

None was opposed to individual NATO countries operating outside NATO limits individually in defense of their own interests, but all opposed joint operations under the NATO banner outside limits. West Germany is constitutionally bound not to operate militarily outside NATO.

The Norwegians, Italians and Dutch all want more consultations in situations affecting their national interests. Britain has long favored the idea of the United States, France, West Germany and Britain acting as a sort of high command during international crisis.

On possible U.S. support for Jonas Savimbi's South African-backed guerrilla movement in Angola, a British official said: "This would be madness...it would only bring more Cubans, East Germans and perhaps Russians in."

On the projected Nordic nuclear-free zone: The Americans and British have urged Norway and Denmark to drop the idea, but the Scandinavians, with militant anti-nuclear groups, are unmoved.

There is no split between America and its bigger European partners — Britain, France, West Germany — about sharing defense burdens, either militarily or economically. In fact some non-NATO countries such as Japan, Australia and New Zealand have helped with security of the Gulf since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the Iran-Iraq war.

But generally the Europeans appeared to be reacting the danger, as they perceive it, of Reagan leading them into postures and policies reminiscent of a dying imperialist age.

Mexico to get U.S. F-5 jets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — The United States has approved the sale of at least 12 U.S. F-5 supersonic jet fighters to Mexico, a published report said Tuesday.

The *Washington Post* said Mexico reportedly requested the fighters four months ago and the United States recently approved the sale on commercial terms, meaning U.S. State Department approval is needed but not congressional approval. Congress must be notified of the sale, however. The State Department declined comment on the *Post* report, which was based on "qualified Mexican sources."

Mexico's air force now has about 75 combat planes, most built in the 1940s and 1950s, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

But Mexico's joint army and air force

budget was increased 54 per cent this year to the equivalent of \$1.1 billion and Mexico's Defense Minister Felix Galvan, said much of the increase will be spent on new equipment, the *Post* reported.

The purchase of the F-5 jets would mean Mexico would have to expand one or more of its five military airfields, the *Post* reported. Galvan was quoted as saying a team of U.S. advisers has been in Mexico to determine what changes are needed. The F-5s can cost as much as \$5 million each.

The *Post* quoted a U.S. defense analyst in Washington as saying that Mexico, located between the United States and tiny Guatemala, "can make no strategic argument that it needs such planes." Even if they buy twice as many planes, Mexico "cannot defend the oil fields against sophisticated attack."

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New challenge to Thatcher

Water workers to go on 'unofficial' strike

LONDON, Feb. 24 (R) — Water workers in northern England have announced they were going on an unofficial strike, presaging a new challenge to Britain's Conservative government already under attack for its retreat before the miners.

Union leaders for the 32,000 water workers were met Monday until Wednesday to decide on a nationwide stoppage to press for an improvement on the employers' final offer of a 10 per cent wage increase. But some workers in Lancashire said Monday they would strike from midnight Tuesday and others in north-east England said they would stop at midnight Wednesday.

They were taking a leave from the situation last week when miners staged unofficial strikes which threatened to snowball into a national stoppage until the government withdrew its closure program.

Workers in other state-owned industries and public services are also lining up to test the government's resolve. Half a million white-collar civil servants promptly rejected Monday a government party offer improved from six to seven per cent.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's administration is determined to fight union attempts to use its decision on more aid for the coal industry as a lever to obtain pay deals in line with the annual inflation rate of 13 per cent.

Britain has never before experienced a national strike by its water workers, which could pose a danger to public health from polluted water supplies.

The National Water Council, which controls the industry, Monday said it had plans for dealing with a stoppage, but refused to give details.

About 10,000 troops are expected to be brought in and water supplies would probably be rationed, but there is no guarantee such measures would be effective for more than a few days.

Roo Keating, assistant general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE), Monday told reporters: "It is extraordinary that the government should be doing absolutely nothing on the eve of what could be the most critical industrial dispute the country has ever known."

The water workers, in regional ballots over the past week, rejected what was described as a final offer of a 10 per cent increase.

Workers in the state-owned electricity and gas industries and the railways are queuing up behind the water workers to press their demands.

Meanwhile, union leaders of Britain's 230,000 miners and the state-run National Coal Board drew up a costly program to keep open 23 uneconomic pits.

Mrs. Thatcher scrapped the proposed pit closures last Wednesday night after militant miners began wildcat strikes and a national coal shutdown loomed.

Meanwhile in Spain, nearly all the 15,000 Spanish dockworkers went on strike Monday over the dismissal of 172 of their colleagues at the port of Barcelona, union sources have said.

There was no indication of when the strike would end.

The scheme could go some way toward allaying concern in West Germany over the problem of recycling Arab oil wealth and so helping prevent further increases in the country's record balance-of-payments deficit.

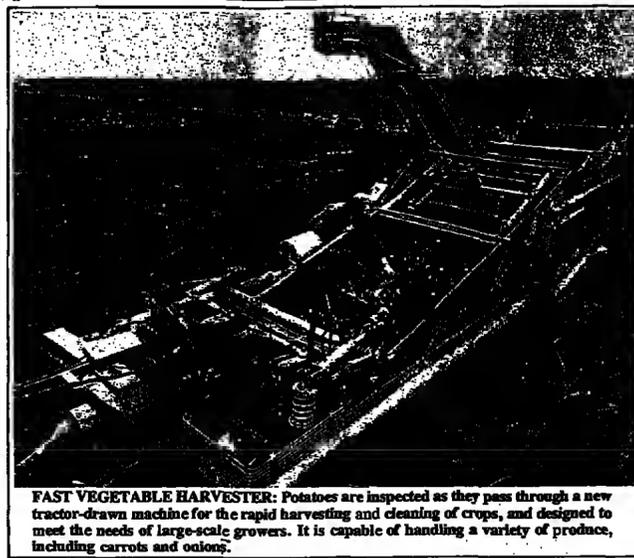
Bonn to build steel plants in Libya

BONN, Feb. 24 (R) — West German and Austrian companies have won orders totaling 2.7 billion marks (\$1.3 billion) to build two steel works in the Libya, according to spokesmen for the companies.

The deal, involving a new steel complex at the coastal city of Misurata, east of Tripoli, were described by Bonn officials Monday as the largest Libya bid ever negotiated with West German firms.

A consortium headed by the Krupp steel and engineering concern and including Voest Alpine, of Austria, will build one of the steel works, and the other deal was clinched by a consortium comprising Voest and Knif Engineering, of Dusseldorf.

The Misurata projects, which has also produced contracts for Japanese and Italian firms, is due for completion in four to five years.



FAST VEGETABLE HARVESTER: Potatoes are inspected as they pass through a new tractor-drawn machine for the rapid harvesting and cleaning of crops, and designed to meet the needs of large-scale growers. It is capable of handling a variety of produce, including carrots and onions.

Gulf war aftermath

OPEC output falls by 4m BPD

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (R) — The Iraq-Iran war and falling demand drove OPEC oil production last year to an eight-year-low of 26.8 million barrels per day (BPD), the oil industry. Newsletter *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* (PIW) has reported.

It said OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) production tumbled by four million BPD in 1980, its biggest-ever decline.

Total world output hit a three-year low of 59.4 million BPD last year, three million BPD less than in 1979 and its first drop since 1975, the newsletter said.

Even before the Iraq-Iran conflict began in September, OPEC output had fallen to its lowest levels for four in five years, said PIW. The two countries exported at least 3.5 million BPD before the hostilities.

This meant that OPEC's share of the world oil market dropped to 59.4 per cent in 1980 from 63.4 per cent the previous year, PIW said.

Saudi Arabia raised its production by some 800,000 barrels a day last fall to make up for the Iran-Iraq war losses.

Saudi Arabia, the largest of the 13 OPEC members and the world's No. 1 oil exporter, has been producing 10.3 million barrels of oil a day. Iran and Iraq were exporting nearly four million barrels of oil a day before their war began. They now are said to be selling between one million and two million barrels of oil daily abroad.

Kuwait's output fell by 33.5 per cent partly due to precautions taken on loading tankers during the first two months of the conflict.

Output by non-OPEC countries rose by 3.6 per cent last year to 18.3 million BPD, with Mexico expanding its production by 31.6 per cent, the newsletter said. It said production in Communist countries declined 1.4 per cent to 14.3 million barrels a day.

Bonn's nuclear expansion plan hit snags

BONN, Feb. 24 (R) — West Germany's policy of nuclear energy expansion, stalled for almost four years, has hit new snags just as the government economy is battling to rescue its recession-hit economy.

Although oil price rises helped to worsen West Germany's balance of payments deficit last year, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's atomic power programs is now being challenged from within his own Social Democratic Party (SPD).

Industry leaders, pointing to the fast-growing nuclear programs of countries such as France, feel that West Germany is throwing away its chance to ensure economic competitiveness in the 1980s and beyond.

The renewed opposition to nuclear power, an emotive issue in West Germany where there is a powerful environmentalists' lobby, comes at a bad time for Schmidt — and from a most unwelcome quarter.

Hamburg's SPD city government, in a vote on an atomic plant which has been a crusading symbol for anti-nuclear protesters since it went on the drawing-board, proposed that the 1,300-megawatt reactor be delayed for at least three years.

The decision, based on objections about provision for atomic waste, was a compromise. It reflected the delaying tactics which have dominated the nuclear debate since the

energy shortage was underlined by the 1973-1974 oil price explosion.

Atomic power now accounts for about 3.5 per cent of the country's energy needs just over 11 per cent of its electricity output.

In contrast to West Germany, France is pressing ahead with a nuclear program that is scheduled to meet half the country's electricity requirements by 1985.

The West German economy, which the government expects to "stagnate" or be in recession in 1981, can ill afford to face an uncertain energy future.

The balance of payments deficit reached an unprecedented 28.2 billion marks (\$13 billion) last year and the once-mighty mark is showing signs of strain.

But because of environmental protests, no building permit for a new nuclear plant has been issued since July, 1977. Schmidt has redoubled his efforts to solve the urgent energy problem with nuclear power — provided the crucial nuclear waste storage problem is resolved.

A reprocessing plant which was to have been incorporated in plans for the world's biggest nuclear complex at Gorleben, in Saxony, was blocked two years ago by determined anti-nuclear protests.

A much smaller plant which will go some way toward satisfying the waste problem, is now planned in the state of Hesse. It would be only a quarter of the size of the Gorleben plant and process some 350 tons of nuclear waste a year.

Some atomic waste is now sent to France's reprocessing plant at La Hague and the vast majority is kept in storage pools encased in thick concrete to avoid radiation leakage.

The political controversy has, as industrialists keep stressing, to be met head-on at some stage. West Germany exports are threatened if the country relies on more costly energy sources, they say.

West Germany brought its oil imports down slightly to just under half its energy needs last year. Atomic power from its 11 main reactors in operation; coal, gas and other forms of energy made up the rest.

The problem of long-term storage of nuclear waste became critical in the second half of the decade. Top officials at the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) are warning that west European states could be hit hard then because of a falling off of a Soviet oil production.

The nuclear issue promises to continue to be an embarrassing headache to Schmidt's government. But with the conservative opposition broadly supporting his policies, the conflict is essentially against the environmentalists' lobby and nuclear opponents in his own party.

Militant Chinese favor Polish-type labor unions

PEKING, Feb. 22 (AP) — Militant Chinese workers in some factories have threatened to throw off the sacrosanct Communist Party leadership and try to form independent, Polish-style labor unions.

Any talks of free trade unions in China deeply troubles the party leadership, which considers it a challenge to its supreme authority. Rumblings of union independence and scattered efforts to emulate poles have touched off a vigorous campaign in the official press.

The press has been warning against strikes and slowdowns by those who allegedly want to undermine the party and "throw the nation into chaos." The right to strike is guaranteed by the Chinese constitution.

Editors of the official *Workers Daily* newspapers confirmed last week in an interview that militant workers in some cities, including Shanghai and Wuhan, have raised the banner of independent Polish-style unions, they said, however, that the cases were isolated and that the threat of free unions only was used as a strategy against obdurate factory managers.

The vast majority of Chinese workers, they said emphasized that they could not even think of questioning the authority of the Communist Party or opposing government policy. The Chinese press for months has been reporting about Polish union activity and workers around China can hear foreign radio broadcasts about the problems and unionizing in Poland.

Chinese and Western diplomatic sources reported that last December thousands of unemployed persons in Shanghai marched on government offices demanding work.

China has an estimated 20 million unemployed in its industrial work force. China also is closing inefficient factories. The result, according to Chinese sources, means that an additional 10 million workers will be displaced annually for the next two or three years. By official accounts they will be retained or reassigned to other work.

They will receive their basic industrial wages of about 60 yuan (\$40) a month — less than highly prized bonuses and allowances that can mean more than 120 yuan (\$90) per month.

The editors confirmed reports of a bid by a section of the workers in a Shanghai factory to dump the leadership of the Communist Party and set up an independent union. However, they did not identify the factory, but said that "a few women" had a legitimate grievance against the party secretary of the factory, but the secretary rejected their complaints.

The angry workers declared they would form an independent union without the party and stop work for a few hours. Management quickly sent negotiators and the issue was amicably settled. The editors emphasized there was no violence and no reprisals against workers, who later made up for their lost work.

ILO foresees downward trend in inflation

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (R) — Lower inflation in some countries in the last months of 1980 offered a glimmer of hope for a general downward trend after a year of worldwide rises, the International Labor Organization has said.

The U.N. agency's newly-released bulletin of labor statistics showed that Switzerland had the lowest inflation rate of 3.8 per cent, and Israel the highest, 131.5 per cent.

West Germany (5.2 per cent), Austria and the Netherlands (7 per cent each), and Japan (8.9 per cent) were also under the 10 per cent inflation rate.

Australia recorded 10.3 per cent, Canada 10.7 per cent, the United States 12.6 per cent, Norway 12.9 per cent, France 13.6 per cent, Sweden 15 per cent, Britain 15.9 per cent, and New Zealand 16.4 per cent.

Iceland reported 57.6 per cent inflation, Mauritius 48.7 per cent, Sri Lanka 43.3 per cent, and South Korea 38.2 per cent.

Countries that reported slightly lower inflation in the final months of 1980 were Austria, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Britain and the United States.

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| Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Eastern Province | To undertake the project of naming and numbering of roads, localities and sectors in Dammam, Al-Khobar and Qatif | — | 3000 | March 8 |
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Reagan woos support for recovery plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan, anxious for Congressional approval for his economic program, is personally launching an unprecedented campaign this week to drum up political and public support.

Back from a long weekend at his California Ranch, President Reagan was to meet with country's 50 state governors to examine the program's details. That Budget Director David Stockman and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan will be present at the meeting, scheduled to last a full 90 minutes, gives an indication of the importance Reagan attaches to this meeting.

The governors, who have been meeting

since Sunday, have so far reacted favorably, in general, to the austerity program. "We strongly support what the president is doing," said Georgia governor.

He added: "the budget cuts the president is recommending will cause difficulties for state local governments, but many of them can be absorbed if we are given sufficient time and flexibility to adjust." Reservations have been expressed by the governors of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, who fear the program's effect on cities.

But Reagan wants to profit from the sense of support that Americans, victimized by annual inflation of more than 10 per cent, have expressed. He apparently thinks this can be used to apply pressure on Congress, in an effort to have it approved before summer.

The recovery program calls for cutbacks of \$50 billion in federal government spending for fiscal year 1982, which starts next October, and \$45 billion during the current fiscal year.

Successive tax cuts of ten per cent a year, for three years beginning next July, are also planned. Reagan is also holding informal meetings at the White House on the budget cuts. Cabinet members this week will explain to Reagan's guests the significance and the extent of the cutbacks in their departments.

Meanwhile, in unveiling its economic program, at the Reagan administration has ignored criticism that the United States was following a totally egoistical line.

It was the second step of a program of national recovery, the first being the new administration's announcement of a firmer policy toward the Soviet Union and its "accomplices."

Decks cleared for industrial peace in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24 (R) — Belgium's employers and unions, under heavy pressure from the government, have agreed to two years of pay restraint and industrial peace to help restore the nation's battered economy.

But the accord, coupled with a government austerity package, will do no more than halt the slide and tougher measures are needed, according to economic analysts.

Belgium is faced a huge and rising public debt, massive foreign borrowing, the European Common Market's highest unemployment rate and falling industrial competitiveness.

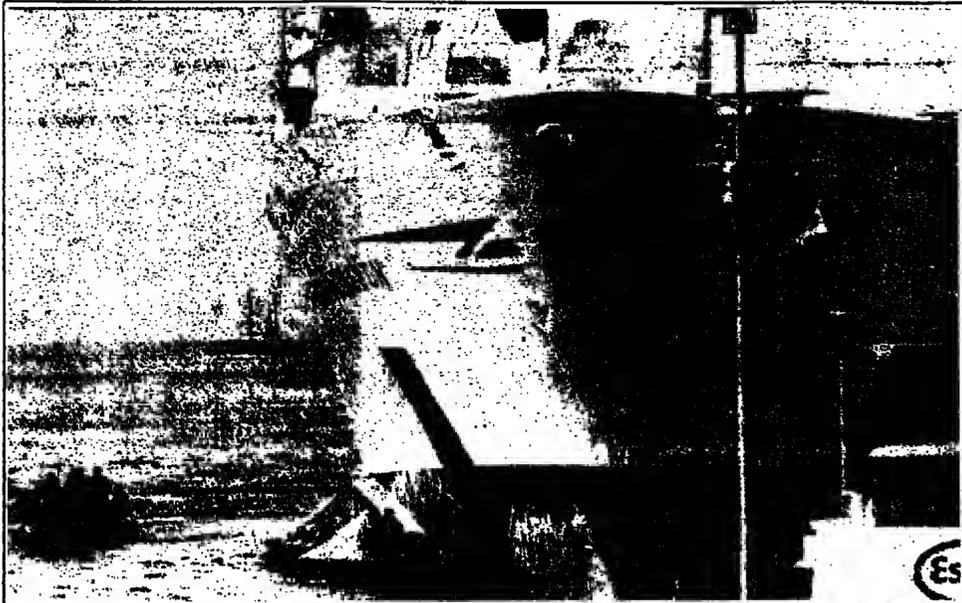
Because of lack of international confidence, the costs of huge sums to support the Belgian franc against other currencies and the National Bank has spent more than 4.3 billion francs on the money markets since the start of the year.

The Belgians share the bankers' pessimism. A recent survey is believed: 87 per cent of Belgians thought their country was going through a crisis.

The austerity package aims to wipe out the social security system's huge deficit by increasing contributions and reducing benefits to the long-term jobs.

Under the industrial agreement all but the lowest paid will have rises limited to the official inflation index, now seven per cent, but expected to fall slightly this year.

The two sides also agreed not to press any further claims for the period, effectively ensuring industrial peace. This was the crucial step for Wilfried Martens, the prime minister, and the reason why he had to threaten a less flexible pay law if the unions and employers would not reach a voluntary accord.



FISHERMEN PROTEST: Fishermen of Bremerhaven, West Germany, get into boats to stall the movement of the North Sea ferry, Prince Oberon, which was due to leave Friday. They were protesting against the deadlock in the EEC fishing talks in Brussels.

With 30 million liters

Oil tanker runs aground off Jamaica coast

KINGSTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — A Shell oil tanker carrying an estimated eight million gallons (30 million liters) of fuel oil to Jamaica ran aground and was leaking off this island nation's south coast Monday as company officials hurried to bring in equipment to transfer the oil.

The grounding took place Saturday night, but company officials said nothing publicly until Monday, when reporters in this capital city began getting reports about the stranded tanker from the remote area near Port Kaiser some 70 miles (113km) to the east.

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Bonn explains stand on Soviet gas supply

BONN, Feb. 24 (R) — A planned pipeline from Siberia will mean that West Germany depends on the Soviet Union for 30 per cent of its natural gas supplies, but this was described by Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff as acceptable.

In a newspaper interview published Monday he said 30 per cent was an acceptable amount because it represented just four to five per cent of West Germany's total primary energy needs.

West Germany has set 30 per cent of its total gas supplies as the most it can take from Soviet sources, a limit described by the Bonn government as "considerable but not dangerous."

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U.K., Bonn back EEC farm package

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24 (AP) — Britain and West Germany Tuesday were the only countries to support the European Economic Community commission's proposal for farm price increases averaging 7.8 per cent. The other eight countries said the prices for most commodities should be higher.

EEC agriculture ministers delivered their countries' views at a three-hour private meeting devoted to the commission's complex and controversial 1981 farm package, sources from several delegations said.

British farm Minister Peter Walker told reporters later that the 7.8 per cent proposal, which would be the highest in several years, was necessary to keep farm incomes at par with inflation.

But he said higher prices requested by other delegations would cost the Common Market too much in support payments that already consume more than two-thirds the EEC budget. Britain has relatively few of the estimated 8.5 million Common Market farmers.

Sources said France, Belgium, Ireland and Italy led the attack on the commission proposal, notably a proposal for a "superlevy" — a form of surtax — on farmers who add to the EEC's growing surplus of milk products.

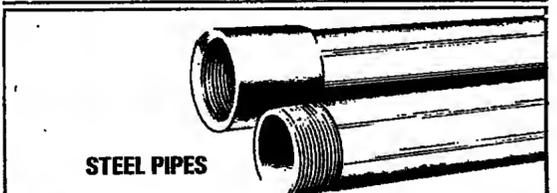
The "superlevy" would tax farmers whose output in 1981 exceeds their production for the average of the last three years. Such a tax would hurt small farmers who have no other way of increasing their income except to produce more, the Irish and French argued.

Britain and West Germany also were isolated in their rejection of a commission proposal to abolish their high "monetary compensatory amounts." EEC devices strong currency countries use to shelter their farmers from cheap food imports.

Agriculture Commissioner Poul Dalsager of Denmark, architect of the farm package, told the ministers that key elements of the proposal were the built-in penalties — like the milk surlevy — against farmers who add to the surpluses of wine, dairy products, meat and produce.



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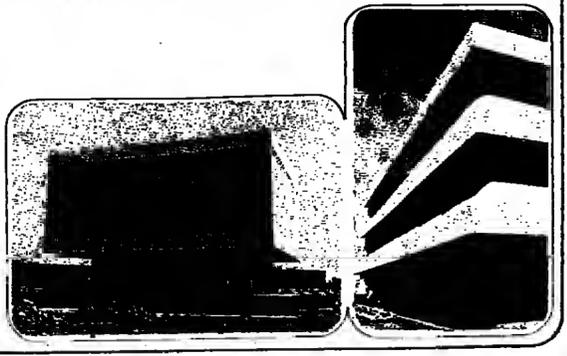


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For 25th straight victory

Strong defense sees Louisiana through

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a weekly roundup of sports in the United States compiled by Cynthia Stanley from our Houston Bureau.

A strong defense powered the fourth-ranked Louisiana State University to a 67-57 victory over Texas A&M during the weekend in the College Basketball action. "It was the best defensive game of the year," said the coach of the fourth-ranked Tigers. "They (A&M) couldn't get the ball inside."

The victory coupled with Virginia's 57-56 loss to Notre Dame gave LSU the nation's longest Collegiate Basketball winning streak — 25 straight.

Both teams showed the effects of playing their second game in two days. LSU beat Tennessee in Knoxville 66-65 to win the Southeastern Conference Championship, and Texas A&M defeated Texas 108-79.

The number one ranked team in the nation, the Virginia Cavaliers, was banded its first loss of the season by the Notre Dame Irish 57-56. A 16-foot turnaround jumper shot by Notre Dame's Orlando Woolridge with two seconds remaining gave the Irish another end-of-the-year upset victory in a string that has seen them knock off either a defending national champion or a team ranked in the top-two eight times in the last 11 years.

This coming week will be the final week of regular season competition in Collegiate Basketball and teams in both the Southwest and Southeast Conference will be fighting for a finish in one of the top positions.

Strike threat

Most Professional baseball teams opened training camps last week in preparation for the forthcoming baseball season. A possibility of a baseball strike is again starting major-league owners and fans in the face. Major-League owners announced they are implementing the compensation provisions which almost caused a strike last May, bringing accusations from the executive director of the players' Association that the owners were not bargaining.

The clause which the owners are now putting into effect would give a club which lost a

Qatar scores upset win over Thailand

By Edward Tangarajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Feb. 24 — Qatar has become the glamor team of the Asian Youth Football Championships, the final round of which began last Saturday at the National Stadium here.

On Monday, the tall, rugged soccerites from the Middle East caused a sensational upset defeating hosts Thailand 2-0 and has been tipped by bookmakers to finish at least runners-up in the tournament.

They began their challenge for the title on an uncertain note losing the opening encounter Saturday 4-1 to reigning champions, the strong South Koreans.

Thailand powered their way to a 5-0 victory over Bangladesh and were raging hot favorites to beat Qatar. But the strong, tough youngsters from the Middle East proved everyone here wrong with a polished brand of attacking soccer.

They netted in the 26th minute through Khamis Sultan Juman and again in the 42nd through Ali Zaid who has been dubbed the best forward seen so far in the competition.

Meanwhile, South Korea has emerged as the strongest contender for the title this year too having won both their matches in convincing fashion. They beat Qatar 4-1 and Japan 3-1.

The tourney will be continued Wednesday with Qatar meeting Bangladesh and Thailand taking on Japan in the second game.

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star in the re-entry draft the right to pick a player off the other club's 49-man Major-league roster as compensation. Under the existing agreement, the club losing a star has the right only to select a player from the amateur draft.

Ray Grebey, director of the major league players relations committee said the owners are "exercising rights provided and agreed upon."

Marvin Miller, director of the Players' Association, says it is not an agreed upon procedure. "It's a 14-month old proposal and there is not a single chance in it — a classic example of not bargain. They are pretending to bargain but aren't bargaining at all." Miller said the player representatives will meet in Tampa, this week but declined to say what action they might take.

Fighting for a berth

The race is on in professional basketball as National Basketball Association teams (NBA) fight for a berth in the playoffs. Basketball action was highlighted last week with a new free-throw record. Calvin Murphy of the Houston Rockets established an NBA record for consecutive free throws Thursday night against the San Diego Clippers. Murphy hit his 61st free throw to break Rick Barry's record with 1:10 to go in the third quarter. He added another of the same series, giving him an ongoing record of 62. He came within an inch of losing his chance at breaking the record when his basket that tied the mark, number 60, appeared short. It hit on the front rim, softly popped up on the back rim, then settled into the net. "I just got over confident," Murphy explained. "I just assumed the shots were going in, but you can never make that assumption."

In other NBA action last weekend, the New Jersey Nets extended their winning streak to five games with a 123-113 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers in a game that went into overtime. The Nets' Darwin Cook and teammate Mike Newlin each finished with 30 points as the Nets tied an NBA team

record for consecutive wins.

The Dallas Mavericks lost their 15th straight game 117-109 against the Philadelphia 76ers giving Dallas an 8-55 record, the worst record in the NBA.

George McGinnis of the Indiana Pacers came up with two loose balls in the final 30 seconds and turned them into four points, giving the Pacers a 109-106 victory over the San Antonio Spurs. McGinnis, who led the Pacers with 24 points and 12 rebounds came up with a loose ball knocked away by Mike Banton and hit a layup that gave Indiana a 107-106 lead with 17 seconds to play. Four seconds later, he hit two free throws after recovering the ball when it was taken away from San Antonio's Paul Griffin. Six Pacers finished in double figures as Indiana brought its record to 36-28 just one victory less than it recorded last year.

In New York, the New York Knicks recorded a 124-112 victory over the Washington Bullets. It was the Knicks' 10th win in their last 11 games.

The Kansas City Kings squeaked past the Milwaukee Bucks 112-109 when Otis Birdsong hit a basket and Scott Wedman added a pair of free throws in the last 58 seconds of the game. After trailing by as many as 15 points, the Kings finally overtook Milwaukee 110-109, on Birdsong's basket with 58 seconds left. Wedman canned his free throws with 39 seconds left to tie the victory. The Bucks had a chance to send the game into overtime, but a jump shot from 23 feet out by Sidney Moncreif rimmed out with two seconds left. Milwaukee's Quinn Buckner grabbed the rebound but didn't have time to try a follow shot.

The Chicago Bulls remain in contention for a playoff berth after defeating the Utah Jazz 92-84. Chicago is 32-23 in the Central Division while Utah dropped to 24-49 in the Midwest Division.

The San Diego Clippers scored a 115-114 triumph over the Golden State Warriors for their third straight victory. San Diego won despite a 46-point performance by Golden State's Joe Barry Carroll. It was the best scor-

ing performance as a pro by the rookie center, whose previous NBA high was 32 points.

In Seattle, Washington, the SuperSonics split two games over the weekend. They defeated the Phoenix Suns 112-111. The SuperSonics won in the final minute of the game with a free-throw which was the result of an unusual technical foul called on the Suns for having only four players on the court. The following night, the SuperSonics were defeated by the Houston Rockets, 111-96.

In the Cleveland Coliseum, the Atlanta Hawks scored their first win over the Cleveland Cavaliers in four meetings this season. Atlanta led 35-31 after one quarter and 62-57 at halftime. The game was tied twice early in the third quarter, but John Drew led a Hawk charge that enabled Atlanta to gain an 89-83 advantage at the end of three quarters. The Hawks beat Cleveland by a score of 118-105.

The Denver Nuggets ended the Kansas City Kings' five-game winning streak 129-109 and the Boston Celtics posted a 130-119 triumph over the Detroit Pistons.

Narrow victory

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 24 (AP) — Houston Rockets scored a narrow 106-102 victory over Utah in the National Basketball Association's only game Monday night.

Mandlikova qualifies

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, who defeated Bertina Bunge Sunday to win the Avon Championships of Houston Women's Tennis Tournament, became the third player to qualify for the \$300,000 Avon Championships title played March 25-29 at Madison Square Garden.

The 19-year-old Mandlikova, a U.S. Open finalist last year, joined Martina Navratilova and Andrea Jaeger in the field for the final event of the women's indoor circuit. Five others will be named later.



THAT'S IT: Marian Woronin of Poland (right) raises his hand as he wins the 50-meter run in the European Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday. Vladimir Maruyev (183) and Andrej Shajpajkov (187) finished second and third respectively.

Wilfred Benitez to fight Hope for triple title

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — Wilfred Benitez will make a bid to become a triple champion by fighting junior middleweight Maurice Hope rather than try to become welterweight champion a second time by fighting Tommy Hearns, his manager, Jimmy Jacobs, said Monday.

Jacobs said he has agreed on terms with British promoter Mickey Duff for a bout against Hope, the World Boxing Council junior middleweight champion from Britain.

"We were to get \$1 million for fighting Hearns, but then the best deal was \$600,000," said Jacobs. "We'd rather fight for the junior middleweight title."

Benitez, the former junior welterweight and former WBC welterweight champion, was to have gotten \$1 million for fighting Hearns for the WBA welterweight title but the fight fell apart when a big Madison Square Garden show set for Feb. 23 collapsed when officials of Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, Inc., were charged with embezzlement.

So rather than take less to fight Hearns, Jacobs elected to send Benitez against Hope. The Puerto Rican boxer will get even less to fight Hope, but should he win a third title, he would have a big talking point in purse negotiations for fights against Hearns or Sugar Ray Leonard. Leonard, who won the welterweight title from Benitez when he stopped him with six seconds left in the fight, is to challenge for the WBA junior middleweight title June 19 against Ayube Kalule, an Ugandan living in Denmark.

Meanwhile, Rafael "Bazooka" Limon of Mexico, who won the World Boxing Council lightweight championship in December, will make his first title defense when he faces Cornelius Boza-Edwards of London at the Stockton Civic Auditorium in a televised fight March 8.

Promoter Don Charin of Los Angeles, working with promoter Otilio Baptista on the title match, said Monday that other details, including the size of the purses will be announced later.



STOPPED: John Carleton of England (with the ball) tries for the line but is stopped by John Beattie of Scotland in the Rugby Union Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham Saturday. The Scottish player on right is Keith Robertson.

I.B. issues ultimatum to French Federation

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AFP) — The Guardian newspaper Monday reported that Rugby Union's ruling International Board (IB) had sent an ultimatum to the French Federation over alleged poaching of rugby league players.

The ultimatum warns that if the French persist in allowing Jean-Marc Bourret, the

former league international, to play for union side Perpignan, fixtures between France and the IB countries will be canceled.

The troubled relationship between the two codes in France along with allegations of money passing hands to secure transfers, is to be studied by the IB at its annual conference in Cardiff next month.

But, a solution to the problem could be found before that as the French League and Union presidents are to meet with French sports ministry officials in Paris on March 5.

The Guardian article said the likely outcome would be the banning of both Bourret and the president of the Perpignan club, who took the player from league side PIA.

In addition the French Rugby Union Federation could plead ignorance of the IB's regulations about players having contact with Rugby League as France was only accepted into the IB two years ago and the regulations have not yet been fully translated into French.

Meanwhile, Australian referees could be called in for Rugby League matches between England and France in future to prevent charges of partiality and safeguard the European Championship.

BRIEFS

BUENOS AIRES, (R) — Multi-million dollar star Diego Maradona scored twice — both penalties — on his debut for Boca Juniors against Talleres de Cordoba Sunday. Boca won 4-1. About 70,000 people roared their approval. Maradona and fellow midfielder Miguel Brindisi, also oew to the squad, were Boca's stars.

MUNICH (R) — Dert-Ridden West German First Division soccer club 1860 Munich told their players that they cannot afford to pay them this month. The club's bank said it would withhold payments pending cover for 1.7 million marks (\$800,000) of debts.

ST. ETIENNE, France, (AFP) — The first two days of the World Group "B" Men's Handball Championships here have allowed the elite to detach themselves from the also-rans in the two groups. Poland, Sweden and Iceland have risen to the top in Pool "A", and Czechoslovakia and Switzerland have made the running in Pool "B".

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of

The Rugby League made the suggestion to the French Federation following the row which broke out over the refereeing of Gory Cattaneo of France in the England-France match here on Saturday won by France 5-1.

He was attacked in the press and a BBC commentator remarked during the game that he deserved the Legion d'Honneur or the Croix de Guerre for services to France.

It was feared that the already strained relations between the two countries, over French recruitment of players from League to Union in conflict with the International Board rules, could jeopardize the future of the European championship.

League spokesman David Howes said the matches would be played close together and the Australian referee would also be able to take charge of English and French club matches in between to make it a viable proposition.

Secretary of the British Rugby League David Oxley who visited Cattaneo's dressing room at half time on Saturday to protest about his handling of the match has had discussions with the French Federation officials to try and find a solution to the problem.

the surgery team that operated on Swiss racing driver Clay Regazzoni said Monday "the operation went well." Dr. Carl Katgn assistant professor surgery at the Georgetown University Medical Center, said Regazzoni is "resting and in good condition."

CANBERRA, (AFP) — The Australian city of Melbourne has withdrawn its candidacy to stage the 1988 Olympic games, it was announced here Tuesday. In a joint statement, the federal treasurer, John Howard and Victorian state premier, Rupert Hamer, said Melbourne had pulled out because of the high costs involved.

HONG KONG (AP) — Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi said Tuesday he will definitely play Anatoly Karpov in the World Chess Championship final "because resigning without playing is too good for the Soviet." Korchnoi, who is in Hong Kong for two simultaneous exhibition matches against 40 players, said however, he should not be playing Karpov here because of his family situation in the Soviet Union.

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Women's marathon to be included in 1984 Olympics

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (R) — Women will run an Olympic marathon for the first time at the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles, the Games President Peter Ueberroth said Monday night.

The decision to hold the event, which will separate from the men's marathon but run the same course, was made by the International Olympic Committee executive director at the start of two days talks at the site of the 1984 Games.

IOC executive director Monique Berlioux said "It was a great victory — it was not that easy to reach."

The longest Olympic running event for men until now has been 1,500 meters farther than the marathon length of 26 miles 385 yards. The marathon will be run in August, at height of the summer when the Los Angeles smog — a mixture of smoke and fog often lies low over the city.

The IOC session at Moscow last year authorized its program commission to rule on proposals for a women's marathon, because of past examples of the discipline had refuted

objections that women were not strong enough to cope with the distance.

Berlioux said the International Volleyball Federation asked for the number of competing teams in 1984 to be increased from 18 to 20 but the committee turned this down.

"The 1984 Games will probably end up with 12 men's teams and six women's teams," Berlioux said. Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley promised again to run a Spartan Olympics and to avoid the giant debris which have plagued some recent games.

The city has asked for U.S. government assistance, mainly in the security field, and Ueberroth read a telegram from president Reagan saying "appropriate government services will be available to assist in the running of the 1984 Games." He said his games budget stands a present at \$400 million, much of it to be provided by big business groups.

"We have the Games covered financially many times over," Ueberroth said.

Berlioux said members of the IOC would make an extensive study of facilities, including bathrooms, at the two Olympic villages for athletes to be set up at Universities here.



VAIN BID: Cyprus goalkeeper Andreas Constantinou stretches completely in a bid to stop a Gerard Piessers (not shown) shot from finding the target for Belgium's first goal in the World Cup qualifying round match in Brussels recently. Belgium won 3-2.

In Ali Reza cricket Zahid's fine effort in vain

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 — NAI's Zahid Abbas had the distinction of recording the season's first hat-trick, but his splendid performance was of no avail as his side was shocked by Hochtief in the Ali Reza Cricket League during the weekend.

Making first use of the wicket, Hochtief began badly losing their first five wickets with just 13 runs on board. But Guhaiz (13) Burki (32) and Shoihi (28) helped them rally to total 139. Zahid Abbas, being the most impressive NAI bowler, claiming 3 for 9, Zaidy finished with 3 for 22.

This total looked well within the reach of NAI, but Guhaiz (4 for 42) and Burki (5 for 57) skittled them for 92 and saw Hochtief to victory. Iqbal (27) and Waseem (18) were the only NAI batsmen to reach double figures.

In an exciting match, Yellow Rose got the winning run of the last ball of the day to pip Shalimar and move to the second berth on the league table.

Shalimar totaled 116 in 37 overs. In reply, Shalimar began on a breezy note with Amjad (39) and Assad (41) putting on 70 runs for the second wicket. But these two batsmen made their exit with yet another 23 runs to go. At the total of 116, Inam taking over the attack in the last over and grabbed two quick wickets. But was denied the hat-trick as in came the winning run.

Red Sea beat Pak Jeddah by five wickets to maintain their winning streak. Pak Jeddah, batting first, lost three quick wickets without any runs on board. But Khalid (33) and Ashaq (19) took the score to 103. Nadeem and Perwaiz were main dangers claiming four wickets each. Red Sea, despite the splendid bowling got the required runs with five wickets to spare.

Borg drops set to Gerulaitis Noah struggles to down Butch Waltz

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 24 (AFP) — French number one Yannick Noah was given a stern struggle by American Butch Waltz before qualifying for the second round of the \$200,000 Memphis men's Grand Prix Tournament here Monday night.

Noah, currently second behind Roscoe Tanner in the Grand Prix standings, struggled to produce his best serving, but still managed to win 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

In another match unseeded Tom Gullikson defeated 13th seeded Bill Scanlon 6-2, 7-6 in the first round at the Racquet Club of Memphis while Tim Wilkison eliminated Sherwood Stewart 6-2, 6-2.

Defending champion John McEnroe, who lost to Sweden's Bjorn Borg in Australia last week, won't face his first-round opponent, Trey Waltke, until Tuesday night.

Other first-round matches second-seeded Gene Mayer beat brother, Sandy 7-6, 6-2, and third-seeded Harold Solomon beat Francisco Gonzalez 7-5, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg stretched his winning sequence over Vitas Gerulaitis to 15 consecutive victories by downing the American ace 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 here Tuesday.

Borg, ending a trip to Australia in which he won a reported \$500,000 by beating the world's no. 2 player, John McEnroe, 2-1 in a series in Sydney and Melbourne, extended his record over Gerulaitis at the Perth coterminous center.

The match, played before a capacity crowd of nearly 8,000, lasted 90 minutes. "Bjorn is always tough to play especially when he loses the first set," Gerulaitis said. "He just wears you down."

Borg, concluding his first trip to Australia since 1974, promised that it would not be another seven years before he came back. "I

should be back next year," he said. "But maybe later this year if I win Wimbledon, the French and the U.S. Open."

"The Australian Open is one tournament I would very much like to win, particularly if it means I can take the Grand Slam."

First it was Billie Jean King who couldn't make it to Seattle for the Avon Tennis championships. Then regrets were sent by Andrea Jaeger. Just a few days ago, Chris Evert-Lloyd canceled. And now, bowing out with a back ailment is Tracy Austin.

The 18-year-old tennis star Sunday decided to follow the lead of most of the other big names in women's tennis. She withdrew from the Seattle competition, which began Monday.

"Progress had been made in her recovery from a back ailment at the time of the draw (Friday) enough so that Tracy felt confident she could play in Seattle," said John Taylor of Campbell Sports, which is promoting the Seattle event.

But Taylor said no further improvement has been made and Austin "feels she cannot physically compete in a full week of tournament tennis at this time."

Her place will be filled by Marianne Van Der Torre, and IVA Budarova now moves into the main draw to face Bernina Bunge.



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Miller wrests Campbell golf crown

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (AP) — Johnny Miller, who won 19 professional events and virtually disappeared from the winner's list for four years, captured the \$300,000 Campbell Los Angeles Open Sunday by strokes with a record 270.

Miller shot a 68 in the final round to edge Weiskopf for the championship and set the old tournament record of 272 set by Hale Irwin over the par-71, 7,029-yard Tuna Country Club course.

Miller, who broke his drought with a victory in Tucson, Arizona to start the 1981 season, sank a 40-foot putt on the 14th hole to win his victory and the \$54,000 first prize

purse.

Miller Barber, who will be 50 March 31 and looks forward to the seniors competition, hung in with Weiskopf until the final hole when Miller chopped off all hopes of a play-off.

Second prize was worth \$32,400, and Miller boosted his earnings for the year to \$121,548 for the winter tour in California and Hawaii. The Professional Golfers' Association tour now moves to Florida.

Miller started the round 11 strokes under par. He cut 2 strokes off par on the first nine and, on the 14th hole, sank a 60-foot putt for

Splendid knock by Carol Hodges

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 24 (AP) — Powerful knocks by Carol Hodges and skipper Jill Powell put England in a good position Monday, the second day of the sixth and final women's cricket Test against India at the Western City of Jaipur, news agencies reported.

At stumps, the English team was 212 for five in the first innings in reply to the Indian score of 208 for nine declared. Carol was batting at 75 and Janet Tedstone at 42.

The visitors are expected to make quick runs on Tuesday morning and then put the Indians to bat in an attempt to force a victory in the three-day Test.

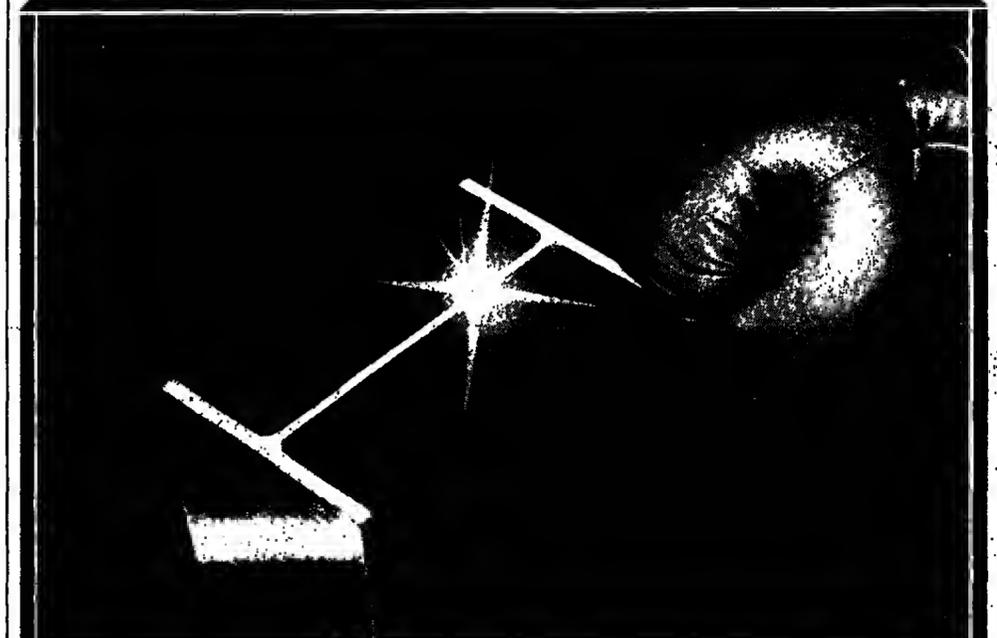
The Indian women fielded poorly, dropping several catches, the reports said.

Leg-spinner Subbangi Kulkarni was the most successful bowler, bagging three wickets, including that of Jill Powell who was caught by Diaoa Eduljee when her score was 41.

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ISN'T THAT CHEAP FOR A FAMILY HEIRLOOM?
HEY--WE HAVE A CHEAP FAMILY

B.C.

WHAT MAKES YOU SO WISE?
I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH A BUNCH OF DOLTS.

ANDY GAPP

DID YOU GET THAT DRESS, FLO?
YES, RUBE--
MIND YOU IT WAS MILES LONG, BUT THEY SAID I COULD AVE IT SHORTENED
HOW MUCH DID YOU AVE TAKEN OFF?
ABOUT HALF AN INCH
FASCINATING, ISN'T IT?

HAGAR

THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH ELKHOUND IS YOU HAVE TO CLIP THEM ALL THE TIME
CLIP! CLIP!
WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE NOT AN ELKHOUND!

SMALL SOCIETY

START ECONOMIZING, SHIRLEY--
I GOT A RAISE THAT PUT US IN A HIGHER BRACKET--

WIZARD

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS YOU'D THINK THEY COULD PUT A LITTLE FOOD COLORING IN MY SWILL
I'LL MENTION IT TO THE COOK
ANYTHING BUT GREEN

DENNIS the MENACE

EVEN A WHOLE JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER SHOULDN'T HURT HIM, MRS. MITCHELL.
HOW MANY JARS?

Contract Bridge

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The Practical Side of Bridge

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q 10 9
♥ 8 5
♦ A 7 4
♣ A Q 7 6 2

WEST
♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q K 9 6 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ J 10 4

EAST
♠ 7 6 2
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ K 9

SOUTH
♠ A K J 4
♥ A 10 7
♦ J 9 8
♣ 8 5 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♠
Pass 2♣ Pass 3NT

Opening lead - two of hearts.

Let's suppose you get to three notrump and West leads the heart deuce. It's not difficult to make the contract if you see the East-West cards. All you have to do is win the heart with the ace and play the A-2 of clubs. Nine tricks easy as pie.

But making three notrump is not that easy if you see only the North-South hands. You might win the first, second or third lead and finesse the queen of clubs. East wins with the king, returns a heart, and the defender on lead would probably shift to a diamond.

There is a much better way to play the hand, if you put your mind to it. To begin with, you note that West's opening lead is the deuce of hearts. If West is a player who habitually leads fourth-best, you realize that he and East each probably have four hearts. On this basis, therefore, you would win East's jack of hearts with the ace.

Your next play is also important. You should lead a low spade to dummy's nine and return the deuce of clubs! There is a good chance East will go up with the king - rightly or not - and you would then easily make three notrump. Even if East doesn't rise with the king, he will probably consider what to do before playing the nine. In that case, you should have no trouble nabbing his king of clubs later on to make the contract.

The point is that by playing a low club from dummy at trick three, instead of taking an immediate club finesse, you give East a chance to make a mistake (if he has the doubleton king of clubs). The more opportunities you give the defenders to make a mistake, the more likely they are to oblige. Psychological plays often give declarer a legitimate chance to gain valuable tricks.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Try to avoid disagreements with those who aren't likely to forgive and forget very easily. Finances may be a sore topic.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Do not count on the cooperation of others now. Some are able to change their minds before day's end. Still, be considerate.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Advice you receive about a work problem is liable to be faulty. Work pressures mount now. Get sufficient rest in the evening.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Consult with a family member about a problem concerning a child. Don't overpend in the pursuit of pleasure. Cut down on expenses.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You'll need tact and consideration in dealing with family members. A slight argument could result in a sense of alienation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Watch out for disagreements with co-workers. Try not to take things too personally. Don't forget your sense of humor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
It's not a favorable time for shopping. Indecision could lead to the wrong purchase. Don't be overly sensitive with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
A temporary lack of self-confidence could cause you to snap at a loved one. Older relatives may cry out for your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Pay no attention to gossip. You can make a mountain out of a molehill and strained feelings will result. Don't withdraw into yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Somebody could keep you waiting. Don't feel slighted. Be aware of others' limitations. Money is a touchy subject among friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You'll need a tougher skin now in dealing with higher-ups. You're sensitive about your popularity and won't take kindly to criticism.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Secretiveness doesn't work to your advantage. If you withdraw into yourself, others are likely to be offended. Career interests prosper.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Out of
- 5 Secret seeker
- 8 Howl
- 9 Cook of the late show
- 13 Arab country
- 14 Mounted soldier
- 15 Gilbert & Sullivan work
- 17 Suffix for collect
- 18 Gained
- 19 Billiard shot
- 22 Charles Lamb
- 23 Gift giver
- 24 Formative years
- 25 Lake city
- 26 Throng
- 27 Mix
- 28 Russian river
- 29 Becharming
- 33 Second largest planet
- 34 Drooping
- 37 Squirrel monkey
- 38 Evening, in Tivoli
- 39 Thrice (Lat.)
- 40 Find out

DOWN

- 1 Monk's title
- 2 Energy unit
- 3 Beyond
- 4 Bill of fare
- 5 Infrequently
- 6 Unadorned
- 7 -k'ou (Chinese city)
- 10 Knitted
- 11 the brow
- 11 Film role
- 12 Gladiatorial settings
- 16 Christian
- 19 Circles about the sun
- 20 Fish
- 21 Baseball's Preacher
- 22 Always (poet.)
- 23 Abhor
- 24 Tenille
- 26 Little Jack
- 28 Fish
- 30 Pooch
- 31 Ogden - Merritt
- 32 - et labora
- 35 - et Equality

Yesterday's Answer

19 Circles about the sun
26 Little Jack
28 Fish
30 Pooch
31 Ogden - Merritt
32 - et labora
35 - et Equality

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A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONGFELLOW

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CRYPTOQUOTES

GAWH GR RWQDRBHCV WBIJQR
HY SR, HAWH JD BYER BRDBR
GR WQR. - WDDW NWERBYD

Yesterday's Cryptquote: TO CARRY CARE TO BED IS TO SLEEP WITH A PACK ON YOUR BACK - HALIBURTON

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RAS AL KHAYMA TV Programs

WEDNESDAY: 4:00 Quran, 6:00 Hawk Film, 6:25 Laramie, 7:00 Cates, 7:15 Theater of Stars, 8:30 Accidental Family, 8:55 Feature, 10:10 Dr. Kildare, 10:35 Rookies

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WEDNESDAY: 5:00 Quran, 5:15 Religious Talk, 6:30 Cartoon, 6:00 Batman, 6:30 Reports, 7:00 Photos and Squares Quiz, 7:30 Religious Series, 8:00 Local News, 9:00 Arabic Drama, 10:00 Arabic Drama, 10:35 Soap, Program Review, 10:50 Wrestling, 11:30 English Film

DUBAI CHANNEL 33 Programs

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 Quran, 6:15 Cartoons, 6:30 Nancy and the Professor, 7:00 Water Margin, 8:00 Islamic Horrors, 8:05 Local News, 8:10 Phantasm Island, 9:00 Angeli, 10:00 World News, 10:25 Mind Your Language, 10:50 Film

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WEDNESDAY: 05 Cartoons, 7:15 Nature of things, 8:00 News in English, 8:15 Against the Wind, 9:00 Football

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WEDNESDAY: 5:00 Quran, 5:30 Open Square, 6:15 Local English, 6:30 News, 6:45 Sports, 7:00 Health, 7:45 Arabic Series, 8:30 Arabic News, 9:00 Learning, 10:00 English News, 10:20 Arabic Music Show, 11:10 Best Sellers

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9.30 Outlook Summary
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11.00 World News
11.09 Twenty-Four Hours
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8:00 NEWS
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9:23 Folk Music

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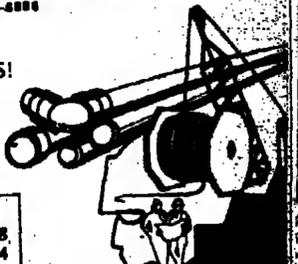
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Lull in arms shipments

U.S. action threat to Havana recedes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — A recent lull in arms shipments through Cuba to rebels in El Salvador has diminished the possibility of swift retaliatory action by the United States against the Havana government, U.S. officials say.

Some officials speculate that Cuba and other countries have curbed arms deliveries in recent weeks out of fear the United States may respond with military force. But others say the cessation may simply be a sign that the Salvadoran insurgents have enough weaponry for the time being.

Either way, acting Assistant Secretary of State John Bushnell said Monday, the American response to alleged Soviet-bloc support of the Salvadoran insurgents will depend on whether the weapons shipments are resumed.

Captured documents released Monday by the State Department say nearly 200 tons of arms and other equipment were sent to the Salvadoran guerrillas late last year for use against the U.S.-backed government in a military offensive that got under way in January.

The information was contained in an inch-thick compilation of battle plans, letters and reports of meetings and travels which the

50 die as bridge falls

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Some 50 persons were killed and 100 injured when a road bridge under construction collapsed Tuesday near Dornakal, in the southern Andhra Pradesh state, first reports said.

Reagan administration said was proof of "indirect armed aggression" by the Soviet bloc in El Salvador.

The State Department said the evidence demonstrates that Cuba and the Soviet Union are engaged in "a well-coordinated covert effort to bring about the overthrow of El Salvador's established government and to impose in its place a Communist regime with no popular support."

"We have clear evidence of catching the Communists' hands in the cookie jar," said White House press secretary James S. Brady. The documents were said to have been captured during raids on guerrilla hideouts by Salvadoran security forces in November and January.

A State Department summary said Vietnam, Ethiopia and other Communist countries pledged 800 tons of "the most modern weapons and equipment" to the Salvadoran rebels. The material was released to lay the groundwork for U.S. efforts to assist the government of El Salvador.

"We hope the knowledge of it (the Communist support) will contribute to the cessation of it," Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said. He added the outside infiltration represents a "very ominous turn," but he refused to discuss specific retaliatory options being considered.

Presidential counselor Edwin Meese III Sunday called direct action against Cuba "entirely possible" and said the administration would not rule out a blockade of Cuba if the arms shipments continued.



KIDNAFFED CONSULS: Basque separatist guerrillas abducted honorary consuls Antonio Alfaro Fernandez (left) of El Salvador, Herman Diaz Del Sol Korsathko (center) of Austria and Gabriel Baurrun (right) of Uruguay last week in a challenge to Spanish authority. The separatists later listed the terms, including the publication of reports on alleged police torture of guerrillas in Spain's main newspaper, in return for the release of the three consuls.

France agrees with U.S. on major world issues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Relations between France and the United States are sound, and the two countries basically agree on such issues as Poland and Afghanistan, says French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet. After a five-hour meeting Monday with Secretary of State Alexander

Haig, Francois-Poncet said he was impressed with Haig's understanding of the situation in Europe.

"We have gone through the entire range of international subjects which confront us and I think our discussions have underlined the similarity of analysis and views," Francois-Poncet said. The two countries had been unable to agree last year on a response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

When asked whether the United States shares France's concern about Libya's recent military intervention in Chad, a former French colony, Haig said there was a "strong convergence" of views. "We are always disturbed when external forces are brought into a country to bring about an outcome that should be brought about internally," he said. "In that sense I think that we are of one mind with our French friends."

During separate interviews they had here Monday, Haig and Francois-Poncet said an East-West dialogue is one of the most important goals in international diplomacy. Francois-Poncet is scheduled to meet President Ronald Reagan Wednesday. The French minister is the first representative of the United States' three main European allies to visit Washington.

Francois-Poncet said during his talk Haig he told the American he hoped the present U.S. administration would understand better than the previous administration the importance of France to European stability.

Haig said he welcomed Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's suggestion Monday of a summit between the two superpowers.

Dollar tumbles

LONDON, Feb. 24 (R) — The dollar fluctuated widely on nervous world money markets Tuesday and tumbled against the mark after surging back to strength Monday. Gold was unchanged at around \$503 an ounce.

The dollar shot up to nearly 2.14 marks Tuesday before the West German central bank (Bundesbank) intervened to curb it, dealers said. Later, after what was described as a chaotic price-fixing session in Frankfurt, the dollar traded in Europe at around 2.0975 marks, well down Monday's 2.1120.

Sterling — which slumped Monday after a long period of strength backed by British interest rates and North Sea oil — was fixed sharply lower against the mark in Frankfurt. It fell to 4.717 marks, the lowest level since Jan. 8, after 4.781 Monday.

Stedling, which was above \$2.30 last week, traded at \$2.2405, down from Moody's \$2.2460 in Europe Tuesday.

Briton to be tried in Tehran for spying

TEHRAN, Feb. 24 (R) — Iranian prosecutor-general Ali Qodussi was quoted Tuesday as saying that British businessman Andrew Pyke, arrested last August, would be put on trial for espionage and embezzlement. In lengthy accounts of a press conference, Hojatoleslam Qodussi gave for the local media Monday two newspapers — *Kayhan* and *Azadegan* — quoted him as saying that Pyke would stand trial.

"Andrew Pyke will be tried by an Islamic revolutionary tribunal on charges of espionage and embezzlement," *Kayhan* said. *Azadegan* reported that the latter charges were connected with Pyke's position as an executive of a Dutch-Iranian firm, Helicopter Aviation Services. Pyke was arrested at Tehran airport Aug. 29 as he was about to leave the country. He is now held in the capital's Evin prison.

Three other detained Britons — Anglican missionary doctors John and Audrey Coleman and Scottish Anglican Jean Waddell — were transferred from prison to a government hostel a few days ago after being cleared of suspicion of espionage. The three Anglicans are due to leave Iran for Britain after the completion of exit formalities. No firm date for their departure has been given, but Qodussi said Monday it would be soon.

Newspaper accounts of the press conference quoted Qodussi as suggesting that British authorities tortured to death an Iranian named Tehrani and maltreated other Iranian nationals held in British prisons. The prosecutor-general said that while the three British Anglicans had said that they were well treated in prison, Iranian nationals held in Britain had been treated "very badly."

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Haig said "I think it's clear that we are very interested in what Brezhnev had to say. There were new and remarkable innovations, in that speech." Brady said that "Soviet watchers have seen a pattern of good guy-bad tactics go back and forth." "They've done this in the past," he said.

Initial reaction from congressmen was generally restrained, but some key leaders flatly opposed the idea. "I feel strongly that a summit at this time would be unproductive and could be counterproductive," said Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "Summit meetings are appropriate and useful only as a culmination to extensive exchanges of views at working levels." Percy said. "The working level discussion should always come first." House Republican leader Robert Michel called Brezhnev's suggestion "pretty doggone self serving."

He said Reagan would be making a mistake to go to summit now because it would turn into "a star-studded extravaganza, front

page stuff" which would divert world attention from the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the problems of Poland.

"Why should we be sitting down and gassing with Brezhnev before we get our own house in order," Michel said. "...That means mending fences with our allies before we go into any summit." But one State Department official who asked not to be identified by

of his civil guardsmen deserted his cause Tuesday morning after it became clear that the rebellion was doomed.

Tejero Molina has always been treated leniently by his military commanders. He got only a seven-month sentence for his last conspiracy, the Galaxy Plot, named after the Madrid cafe where he and four other civil guard officers plotted to kidnap Premier Adolfo Suarez and his cabinet in November 1978 and hold them hostage until a right-wing government was set up.

Meanwhile, French Foreign Minister Jean

name, said that his initial reaction was that Brezhnev's remarks coming after weeks of criticism of Soviet policies by the new Reagan administration "was not the roar you might have expected. It sounds like a hand out-stretch down and talk."

Japanese Prime Minister Zeeko Suzuki Tuesday described Brezhnev's speech as a "transformed peace offensive."

Rightist

Francois-Poncet said Western Europe must remain democratic and he hoped the situation in Spain would return to normal. Francois-Poncet was commenting in a live television interview from Washington on reports that paramilitary civil guards had taken over the Spanish parliament.

In Washington, U.S. State Department officials said Monday they were closely watching developments in Madrid. The officials had no immediate action but it was understood they were particularly concerned over reports that a military government had been established.

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